

MINUTES OF SFC SQUASH CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE SFC SPORTS CLUB ON THE 1 FEBRUARY 2008

Present:

I Rowett – Chairman (081 312 1836, ian@mintwebsolutions.com)

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C Roux (081 128 3073, corene@transvehco.com)

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Ian opened the meeting by reviewing the minutes of the last AGM.

Since the club has now changed its name from Swakopmund Squash Club to SFC Squash club it important to ensure all websites and sign's are updated with the new name.

Action: Ian will find out who is going to change the sign painted on the outside of the building.

SFC GOALS FOR 2008

It was decided that we would try to get everybody who plays squash to become members. Once members have joined the club we felt it was important to encourage these members to play squash on a regular basis and become part the whole squash vibe. Ultimately to get everyone to becomes friends so that they will want to join in and participate in all the activities and events that are organized.

Ian would like to build the club so that we can travel and play other clubs in the country. So therefore improving the skills of all the players so that we can compete.

One of the motto's discussed was "Having fun, meeting people, making friends". In saying this we need to be realistic about the level of squash we would like to achieve and realize that it may take time and practice to compete (Depth within the girls).

Boys are already quite skilled and can compete with most clubs in the country. Ian would like the men to be the top men's club in Namibia.

With regard to the juniors in Swakopmund, we would like to spark their interest and give them the opportunities to play. When need to think of ways in which we can get them to play, maybe in the wintertime when it is really cold outside and warm in the squash court! We want to strive to be one of the most improved clubs in Namibia. We want to develop at all levels, including socially....

IMMEDIATE ISSUES

All issues involving membership should be sorted out and must be discussed with the main club. (Family membership, single membership and partner membership).

Action: Ian to discuss with Tikkie

We decided that we were going to clear the computer with all the old members and make an audit of all their names, and the money they have left on the system. We will then try to get into contact with them to try to get them to join the club again. The deadline for removing names is the 1 March 2008.

Action: Unassigned. Compile list of members, their credit balances and PO Box Numbers, and personal details. Run a report on the computer and save it to floppy disk to make it quicker and easier. Petros might be able to help with the report.

The showers in both the girls and boys bathrooms need to be fixed because there is not enough pressure and then only 1 person can shower at a time. This needs to be discussed with the main club once again. New showers curtain in the ladies bathroom or even doors would be a good

improvement. It was suggested that we get lockers put in the ladies bathroom that can be rented to the members.

Action: Ian to discuss plumbing/bathroom issues with Tikkie

Booking the courts seems to be a big problem because at the moment there is no system in place for you to book, other than going to the courts. We thought that it would be good to employ someone who is always on site to make telephonic bookings.

Action: Sumari/Corene to take up this idea at the SFC main club meeting to find out which employee we can offer this task to. The squash club will pay for this service out of its own funds.

Updating the lights for the club will be the responsibility of all the members. Everyone gets a month when they are responsible and this will be done once every two weeks on a Monday night, we need to put up notices and make members aware of this!

Action: Andree to draw up a roster and a notice for the members telling them about the new arrangement.

Corene had to leave so we quickly decided on the roles of all the committee members:

Chairman – Ian Rowett

Club captain – Sumari Usher

Treasurer – Corene Roux

Secretary – Andree Steyn

A very important issue that needs to be sorted out, is the cleaning of the floors, this needs to be done regularly and efficiently to ensure that no injuries occur.

- How often is it done?

- What are they cleaning it with and how?

- Clean squash area and update all the notices? Andree and Sumari

Action: Ian to discuss court cleaning with Tikkie; **Andree** to clean up notice boards etc.

Fees for the main club are increasing to N\$400.00 per year; do we need to raise our fees? At the moment we decided no, maybe we can raise the fees of the lights depending on what happens to that money?

Action: Ian to discuss with Tikkie

There is a main club meeting every second Tuesday of the month, it was decided that we would take turns to go and this is to be monitored by Andree?

Action: Andree to draw up a roster and run it by the committee at next meeting

We would like non-committee members to help us where, and when they can, we want to use their talents and resources when needed.

Action: Andree to make a notice, email and update website inviting members to help where they can e.g. Petros will be hauled in to run a report from the computer.

Back to Goals....

- To improve everyone's backhand.
- To create a sense of ownership with all players
- To use the Internet to it's full potential and keep in touch with everyone and keep everyone updated with current squash events at all times.
- To create more communication among members, by using email, sms, Skype

IDEAS FOR 2008

We would like to make Friday night, social league night, players should try to play their games for the week on a Friday and then hang around and have a few beers and get to know the other members.

Action: Sumari: at the start of the social league, make it clear and encourage everyone to play their games on the Friday and stay for a drink afterwards

Members need to sign up for the social league, which will begin on the 1 March 2008.

Action: Sumari to make notice about social league and a sign-up sheet at courts, send out email to all players – get email addresses from Andree; **Andree**, send distribution list to Sumari and put social league 2008 section on website.

Andree suggested a Squash T-shirt with a logo that members can decide on. Ask Danie Nel for help with t-shirts.

Action: Andree to send out email to all players at the beginning of the 2008 membership year i.e. in March inviting them to submit designs/ideas for the club shirt. We can post them on the website and at the courts and hold an email/sms vote. Then get orders and print a surplus of shirts for the year.

We could have a small squash shop that can sell the essential squash bits.

Action: Sumari to investigate option of having the local sports shops display a selection of their wares and we take a % of sales.

All members can enter a fun run to raise money for equipment that can then be given to under privileged children in Swakopmund.

Action: None yet.

Ask for donations from big companies so we can raise the profile of squash in Swakopmund.

Action: None yet.

SQUASH EVENTS

For the social league;
Championships;
Handicaps games;
Interaction with Walvis Bay club;
Elite squad for the top 10 in both towns;
Squash tour of Namibia

Action: For open events e.g. Tours, elite squad, WB days, **Ian** to discuss calendar with NSA (Nam Squash Assoc.), WB and Windhoek clubs to avoid clashes and find the best times.

Action: For closed events e.g. Social league, handicap tournament the **committee** must discuss and settle on a calendar for the year. This need only be the major events, smaller things like social evenings, fun runs etc. can be added as we go along. This calendar must be ready for the start of the new membership year to give out to all members new and returning.

NEW MEMBERS

We need to make a starter pack for all the new members that join the club. Suggestions for what the pack needs is:

All information e.g. Booking, lights, committee, calendar of events, social side

Hand towels;

Bottle

Cap;

A few free sessions;

Us as the members need to find out where we can get freebies?

Action: Some of the information needs to be finalised before we can make the welcome pack; once complete, **Ian** to draw up the information and **Sumari** to print and deliver a supply of welcome packs to the SFC main bar with instructions to hand out to every new/renewing member. **Corene** to source some giveaways, gifts etc. from sponsors to include in the welcome pack. **Andree** to request newsletters (and national calendar if applicable) from Adri (NSA) in Windhoek.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Every Friday can be social league nights;

Braai's;

Activities where we play other sports and then reverse and they play squash with us.

AOB

We discussed the fee for non-members using the swipe card and decided that it was fair and shall remain at N\$30 a session. Lights were to be increased to N\$7/session but we need to find out what happens to that income before increasing the rates. We wanted to find out from the main club if members can pay the fees monthly or quarterly so that you don't have to pay a lump sum, this could be a reason why people don't want to join.

Action: **Ian** to discuss with Tikkie about membership fees, lights income and monthly payment options.

Air system not working so well, suggestions:

- Put in a security gate and keep the door open
- Fix both air systems so both courts get sufficient air.

Men's bathrooms smell really bad, find out if the main club can fix the urinals and maybe put up a notice reminding the boys to please flush!

Action: **Ian** to discuss maintenance with Tikkie

NEXT MEETING

Friday 8 February 2008 at 19:00pm.

