

MINUTES - SFC SQUASH CLUB AGM
5 March 2009 17:30 - 18:30

1. Apologies

Sarel Labuschagne, Pascal Seebach, Kirsten Kraft, Bianca Brooker, Kevin Milne, Dries Tredoux, Corne Kotze, Jorg Hornickel, Flicky Rowett, John Rowett

2. Attendance

Ian Rowett, Sumari Usher, Corene Roux, Andree Steyn, Ruth Hornickel, Gerhard de Bruin, Karl Zehrt, Tommie Gouws, Wouter du Preez, Uwe Rabe, Gareth Smith, Luke Allen, Bernd Gruttemeyer

3. Minutes of 2008 AGM

The minutes were read and confirmed by all present

4. Matters arising for discussion

Bar
Showers
Fans
Lights fees
3rd court
Computer upgrade/overhaul

5. Chairman's Report

A copy of the chairman's report will be attached to this email

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report attached

Breakdown: The club started 2008 with a balance of roughly N\$22,000 and made a profit of N\$13,432.36 during the year. This leaves a balance of about N\$38,000 with the last two months' income still to be included.

Final figures to be circulated once we have an update from the main club

Bernd says there is a balance of about N\$1,600 in a personal squash account with Nedbank which he is closing and will transfer to the main club squash account.

Suggestions to keep the the personal account active and redirect all squash funds was decided against for the following reasons:

- The financial standing of the main club is secure
- Withdrawing our funds would weaken the main clubs financial position
- Withdrawing our funds could result in an increase in rent
- We benefit by having a dedicated book keeper (Renate) when our funds remain at the main club

7. Election of Committee Members

- **Chairman** - Sumari Usher elected new chairman
- **Treasurer** - approaching new members for nominations or ideas
- **Club Captain** - Ruth Hornickel
- **Secretary** - Flicky Rowett

New position: **Coach / Communications** - Ian Rowett

8. Any other business

Bar

Discussed starting a separate squash bar in the gallery above court 2. There were many advantages and disadvantages discussed

Advantages:

SFC Squash Club could become more successful and popular

More members would socialise, interact and become more frequent and regular players

More income could be generated for the Main Club and the Squash sub-section respectively because more players would visit the squash bar than they currently visit the main bar.

Disadvantages:

Lose out on the atmosphere of the main bar
More work for the committee/players to manage the bar
Cost of employing bar manager/staff

Suggestion included:

Building a temporary bar that could be used during events but not open all the time
Setting up an honesty bar

Showers

Discussed upgrading the geysers e.g. get an industrial size geyser to service the mens and ladies bathrooms and use the current (small) geyser for Nicanor instead of all sharing the one small geyser. This is something for the new committee to discuss and implement after final assessment of available funds and income from 2008. First point of contact is Des Williams.

Fans

New committee will look into upgrading the fans after final assessment of available funds and income from 2008

Lights fees

It was agreed to raise the lights fees to N\$10 per session for the following reasons:

- the lights fees have not been increased regularly over the last few years to they are very low
- we are not raising the squash section subs this year
- the lights fees are our main source of income
- N\$10 is still very low compared to other clubs around the country and especially compared with other similar sports e.g. tennis
- by raising lights fees and not subs we are getting more from the members that use the club more, rather than raising the subs and making infrequent players pay a lot
- we also benefit from members who regularly play with a guest

It was agreed to automatically charge members for lights if they have booked courts should this function be available on the current booking system.

Lights fees to be split between players. If a member is playing with a guest the cost will be higher for the member. This will encourage people to join the club. The new committee will implement this system if the current booking system is capable and will communicate the new system to all members in due course.

3rd court

Considered not a priority at this stage considering similar clubs like Buccaneers have more members and only two courts. Currently not enough members to justify a third court – perhaps with better showers and a squash bar the club will grow enough to afford/require more courts.

Computer upgrade/overhaul

To be discussed by new committee; current system adequate for club size though we will remain open to new options.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.25pm