



## Note of Squash Committee Meeting – 28 January 2008

Present – Mark Davies, Jim Tunley, Garry Fisher, Louise Jones and Gareth Williams.

Apologies – Margaret Meadowcroft Andy Bunning and Ian Davies.

### 1. Matters arising from last meeting (6 December 2007)

- Louise had made the necessary arrangements Team Captains about paying match fees.
- The "bonus saver" account had now been set up.
- The Community Chest grant of £1,000 was ring fenced for coaching and all expense will need to be identified separately.
- A bid for junior funding had been submitted to the NWSCL Junior Grant for 2008 (North West Counties Squash League) with a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> January.
- A successful Junior Tournament was held before Christmas with sponsorship from Procurasel International. Our formal thanks will be passed to them for this.
- The committee also considered the disappointing response by members to the social event held in the week prior to Christmas. It was hoped to get wider involvement from all committee members and others to identify how these may be better organized in future – the possibility of a handicap tournament in April was one suggestion.

### 2. Teams

- The Thursday team was having a good season with commitment from players.
- On Tuesdays, the Senior team seems to be OK but with occasional issues of players commitment; the Juniors 1<sup>st</sup> Team is doing OK; but the Juniors 2<sup>nd</sup> is struggling to win games but is gaining excellent experience. The adult support to the Junior Teams is very good.
- The Ladies Team on a Monday evening is currently second in their League and hope to be promoted.
- All players representing the Wrexham Brymbo Sports Club must be paid up members of the Club.

### 3. Coaching

- The Centre of Local Development (COLD) is now to be known as the Wrexham Performance Centre.
- Members of the committee were clear that, as a general rule, all juniors participating in any of the coaching programmes must be paid up members of the Club. It was, however, agreed that coaches should have some discretion in this where, for instance, the juniors are part of a schools taster programme.

- Some concern was expressed that some juniors were not being "stretched" in their coaching sessions but were benefiting more by playing in the teams e.g. Hannah and Llinos.
- As part of the Schools Squash Programme, Margaret will be making contact with Penygelli School in Coedpoeth. We would like to contact three schools in Wrexham but first need to get a view of our programme from the Sports Development Team at Wrexham Council. In this, Jim was hoping to speak with Claire Burrows, with an eye to use Queensway, possibly with Laurie Jones.
- Coaching capacity may soon be affected when Margaret returns to work on a full-time basis.
- Garry expressed the view that certain juniors would benefit from one-to-one coaching and it was agreed that if we were able to offer this, it should be structured within our existing coaching programme and with an aspiration that they may be able to join the internal ladder.

#### 4. Finance

- Louise presented an update and it was noted that over £120 light money was to be picked up from behind the bar.
- Jim had approached Gareth Lloyd with a view to arranging our annual meeting with the Brymbo Directors - which will impact on the level at which subscriptions will need to be set for the following year. That meeting should include Mark, Louise and Jim.

#### 5. Maintenance

- There has been an issue with Ambirad (one of our court heaters) which required considerable correspondence with the manufacturer, the supplier and our fitter. There may be issues here which affect our warranty.
- In this regard matters were continuing, however, it was suggested we may need to get the Fire Service to provide a CO<sub>2</sub> and fire check. Garry will arrange.
- It was agreed to ask Paul Gowing if he still intends to fit the conduits in the shower area.
- We still need clarification to do with cleaning schedules in the Club.
- It was agreed to look into the possibility of a power pump for use with the showers as well as cubicles in the men's area. This was something that should be done in consultation with the Cricket Section. It was agreed Mark should obtain some idea of likely costs from Geoff Roberts before we make that approach, possibly through John Lloyd.

#### 6. Other matters

- Jim was developing a Club website which he hoped may be available by March.
- It was agreed we should still endeavour to hold an "official opening" of the Club.
- It was agreed we need to promote the internal ladders.
- Concern was expressed at the state of the road leading to the Club and of the rubbish that is in front of the Club.