

MINUTES OF SFC SQUASH CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE SFC SPORTS CLUB ON THE 1 FEBRUARY 2008

Present:

I Rowett – Chairman
S Usher
C Roux
A Steyn

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. 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).

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.

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.

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.

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!

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

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?

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?

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

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.

Members need to sign up for the social league, which will begin on the 1 March 2008. Andree suggested a Squash T-shirt with a logo that members can decide on. Ask Danie for help with t-shirts.

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

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

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

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;

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;

Hand towels;

Bottle

Cap;

A few free sessions;

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

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 fees that the public pays for playing squash and decided that it was fair.

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.

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!

NEXT MEETING

Friday 8 February 2008 at 19:00pm.