

Date: February 27, 2022

To: Gentlemen of the Board
Manila Boat Club

From: Guillermo O. Gomez
Squash Captain
Manila Boat Club

Re: Squash Captain's Agenda and proposal

Greetings Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Club,

Coming from the last meeting attended to by the undersigned on November, 2021 wherein a report dated November 6, 2021 was submitted the following developments have proceeded:

1. The mattings from Squash Court Number 3 have been moved to Squash Court No. 3 as the wooden flooring of Squash Court Number 1 started showing signs of massive deterioration wherein both its left and right side flanks manifested warping and breakage.
2. With Squash Court Number 1 rendered unusable, classes proceeded to take place in Squash Court Number 3 using a time-sharing method.
3. In the absence of the undersigned, The Secretary of the board initiated some classes in January, 2022 with various Martial Arts groups. This generated some after sales with the bar as all other registered coaches with the club using the courts could not proceed primarily because of the onslaught of the omicron variant of COVID-19 at the time.
4. Martial Arts based fitness classes re-initiated on February 5, 2022 after the undersigned Survived COVID 19 along with its co-morbidities. Other coaches followed suit and classes have begun full swing again as students have shown intent to re-start the classes.
5. Additionally, the Filipino Martial Arts (FMA) Class has been scheduled this March, 2022 as well. This will bring back the weekend sporting activities of the club to full swing.

AGENDA CHALLENGES

In looking out for the Club's upkeep and revenue the undersigned would like to point out some specific challenges in returning to a "Better New Normal" these coming days:

1. With the loss of Squash Court Number 1 and the number of returning Students that have suddenly renewed schedule pledges, almost double the amount of that in 2021, the undersigned is forced into squeezing in a time sharing method for the remaining usable squash court being Court Number 3.
2. In Squeezing in a time sharing method with other coaches and students there have been some noticeable conflicts between student schedules that appear to be having the same requested time slot (i.e.: 5pm, 6pm usually after work hours). In so doing some classes are re-scheduled and lost in the offing.

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

1. The undersigned had proposed recently if their could be a fund drive instigated with the members of the club soliciting any amount from each and everyone for the restoration of the courts in general. This has been positively received by some members of the board.
2. The undersigned, in order to proceed with said aforementioned proposal, needed to contract a contractor to make an estimate of the courts beginning with Squash Court Number 1. The estimate is necessary to come ahead of the proposal so that a specific target fund amount can be declared in the said proposal.
3. The Contractor was contacted and was able to take measurements and give two (2) restoration options to the undersigned for Squash Court Number 1. And the two options were:
 - a. To either, out of aesthetics, restore the entire Squash Court Number one (1) with almost exactly the same materials (made out of wood) for it to still function as a squash court or...

- b. To re-build the squash court with a flooring made out of cement and re-configured for a mix-multi use function, doing away in the process with the original aesthetics and it's original use as a squash court.
4. With reference to the above-mentioned options the undersigned was fortunate enough to have been witnessed by some members of the club in contacting the contractor for measurements at the time, particularly the coast guard auxilliary, which happened to voice out several ingenious suggestions that can actually generate more income for the club simutaneously draw in several other sports that can be offered by the club if option No. 3, "b" were to be elected.
5. Consulting with other members as well, It seems as though that Option "b" were to be the most likely choice due to financial reasons as well as re-constructing with cement is almost three (3) ties cheaper than wood in both time, materials and labor.
6. Additionally, as the undersigned intends to proceed "gradually" with construction costs since it depends merely on solicitations from existing club members. And in doing so, re-constructing with wood without being able to repair the roofing of the aforementioned Squash Court No. 1 only leaves the new wood once again exposed to future typhoons and humidity whereas if it were to be constructed out of cement than it would be able to be "usable" and capable of weathering out any delays in roofing repair.

POSITIVELY PROSPECTING

1. If the undersigned were able to have Squash Court number 1 converted into a mixed use court new sports activities can generate income for the club such as:
 - a. Volleyball
 - b. Half Court Basketball
 - c. Archery
 - d. Badminton

2. Consequently, some of the wooden flooring from Squash Court Number 3 can be salvaged to improve Squash Court Number 1 as well especially that this wooden material, namely "TNG," cannot be sourced out anymore.
3. Eventually, any income generated by Squash Court Number 3 and 1 can be used to repair the roof and ceiling over the two (2) courts eventually leaving Squash Court Number 2 as the last project to be attended to.

OTHER MATTERS & OBSERVATIONS

1. The undersigned has observed also, in returning to the club this February and experiencing a "Better New Normal," that the club is cleaner and experiencing better up-keep compared to before. Many thanks to any organizational meetings with Jovy that have contributed to it.
2. The undersigned also has been observing that the refrigerator and freezer now have products that can be consumed readily after sports activities for anybody partaking in it.

OTHER AGENDAS FOR PROPOSAL

Moving forward observing both some improvements in the overall service of the club in contrast to the normal wear and tear of it's facilities considering the age of the structure, may the undersigned propose the following to be given time for discussion with the club's maintenance and mangement:

1. That a "Menu" of Sandwiches be restored since students and classes will be returning.
2. That the upkeep of the Male and female comfort rooms along with Squash Court Number 3 be done regularly while we solicit funds for Squash Court number 1 if said soliciation is approved.

In closing, the undersigned, although plagued with work in regular life, would like to renew one's commitment to the survivability of the club through self-sustaining efforts. Although the undersigned is not able to proceed at the speed it would like too, the undersigned will get proceed in attending to it's aforementioned proposal if the aforementioned proposal are approved by the exisiting and future boards.

Sincerely,

Guillermo O. Gomez
Squash Captain