

**Wiltshire Squash Rackets Association**  
**Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday 5th July 2007**  
**Venue: The Wessex Club, Swindon, 7:30pm**

Present	Howard Wilson	(Secretary)
	Derek Bray	(Winter League Secretary)
	Neil Marshman	(Summer League Secretary)
	Clive Morgan	(Treasurer)
	Richard Holdaway	(Referee's Rep)
	Mike Stannard	(Chairman)

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Apologies	Mike Hyland	(Member)
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**1. Finance**

CM reported that it had been fairly good year to date. Approximate figures are income of £1400 and expenditure of £600. Rebates in excess of £500 received from England Squash whilst it has been a cheap year for the representative teams.

**2. Summer League**

A good tournament even though there were only 8 teams entered after Trowbridge withdrew.

League section now complete with the play-off semi-finals to be played at Defence Academy and the Wessex on Thursday 12th July. Play-off finals due to take place at The Nightingale on Wednesday 18th July. We are still looking for the summer league trophy and as this is not the only trophy that is 'missing' can all club representatives check their trophy cabinets to see if there is anything that they should no longer have!

**3. Winter League**

Should start around the same time as last year i.e. last week in September or first week in August. Need to encourage more teams to enter and with the Oasis possibly entering two teams at the lower end of the league it is hoped that a number of the bigger clubs would try to enter an extra side into the bottom division.

**4. Representative Teams**

Entries need to be with England Squash no later than 27th July. HW to action and notify the team captains. Dates are on the website and HW will have them available at the AGM.

Nigel Rowe and Clive Morgan to continue as captains of the Over-35 and Over-45 teams respectively. There will be no entries into the Over-55, Over-60 and Racquetball categories. There was some discussion as to whether a senior side should be entered this year. CM agreed to contact Owen Moelwyn-Hughes to check on the situation.

**\*\*Subsequent to the meeting, CM reported back that Owen is happy to run the Men's Senior team again this year.**

## **5. County Competitions**

### **i. Closed**

Good numbers, good standard and very well run by Dean Watkins, especially the sponsorship and press coverage. May be issues surrounding the venue next year due to the high numbers.

### **ii. Over-45**

Another successful and well run tournament where the increase in numbers should continue next year as more players reach this age.

### **iii. Over-35**

Despite a number of players being ruled out by either illness or injury the over-35s still attracted a quality field to Marlborough and produced some excellent matches, culminating in Paul Clark defeating Nigel Rowe in the final.

### **iv. Doubles**

Only 8 pairings this year but there was a mix of standards, it was well run and was good fun. Perhaps need to be more aggressive in getting entrants next year.

After discussing the overall picture with regard to county competitions, MS agreed to speak to Dean Watkins about taking up the position of Competitions Co-ordinator. MS also stated that he is in contact with Karakal about possible the on-going sponsorship of competitions and teams.

## **6. Marking Courses**

RH has already organised a successful and well-attended event in Trowbridge. Run by Gary Batchelor the course lasts 3 hours (including a break) and involves videos and charts. A similar event is now needed in the north of the county and it was agreed for Monday 17th September at the Wessex Squash Club. RH to speak to Gary Batchelor and HW to organise refreshments for the break.

## **7. Juniors**

MS stated that, for the long-term benefit of squash in the Wiltshire, he believes it is now time to bring the dormant junior section back under the senior section and ask Paul Clark to lead on this. There was total agreement for this so MS will speak to Paul and offer him this position.

## **8. Paul Clark**

After the remarkable year that Paul has just had, especially winning the Men's Closed title again after 26 years and then being selected to represent England, MS suggested that it was time that the county now recognised these achievements. This led to the thought that we should recognise anyone from the county who represents their country. Again, all were in agreement and suitable mementos will be sought in time for presentation at the AGM.

## **9. A.O.B.**

- a. Golf Day – The event has been shelved for this year due to the player's different opinions on how it should run. DB will ask Mike Hyland to set up a survey on the website so that we can try to satisfy the majority of players next year.

- b. Registration Fees – NM led a discussion on individual registration fees, which generate a considerable income for counties where they have been introduced. It was agreed that it was too late to do anything for 2007-08 although we could introduce it as free registration and put it on the agenda for the AGM. NM said that he would be prepared to monitor the players during 2007-08 via the results on the website to give us better information.
- c. AGM – This year's AGM will take place at the Wellington Arms in Marlborough on Wednesday 19th September.