

**Wiltshire Squash Rackets Association**  
**Minutes of the AGM - Wednesday 19th September 2007**  
**Venue: The Wellington Pub, Marlborough, 7:30pm**

Present	Mike Stannard	(Chairman)
	Howard Wilson	(Secretary)
	Clive Morgan	(Treasurer)
	Richard Holdaway	(Marking/Ref. Rep)
	Neil Marshman	(Summer League Secretary)
	Mike Hyland	(Member)

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Club Representatives	Nightingale	Mike Stannard
	Oasis	Brian Brock
	Defence Academy	Mike Hyland
	Frome	Richard Holdaway
	Marlborough	Clive Morgan
	Melksham	Stefan Smith
	Wessex	Neil Marshman, Howard Wilson

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Apologies	Derek Bray	(League Secretary)
	Paul Clark	(Member)
	Dean Watkins	(Tournament Organiser)
	Neville Buckle	(Doubles Toiurnament Organiser)

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Handouts	Treasurer's Report	Clive Morgan
	Accounts for 2004/05	Clive Morgan

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Following introductions and apologies, Mike Stannard led the meeting with the following agenda.

**1. Previous AGM Minutes**

The meeting briefly reviewed the minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 8th September 2005 and acceptance was proposed by RH and seconded by NM. MS signed a copy of the previous AGM Minutes as a true and accurate record of business.

**2. Presentation/Adoption of accounts**

CM reported that the county realised a profit of more than £700 in the 2006/07 season. However, both incomes and expenditures were skewed by items which reflected transactions outside of the target financial year. Historical rebates in excess of £440 were received from England Squash, while previous years' expenses of more than £200 were claimed. A corrected profit nearer £500 better reflects the reality.

This adjusted profit is higher than planned, but is mostly explained by the lower cost of supporting our Inter-County representative teams. This is because most of the six weekend events were reduced to Saturday-only matches due to the late withdrawal of one of the four competing counties.

As planned, the various county championship events were virtually self-funding. Although the balances are correct, the reported income (fees) and expenditure (e.g. courts, trophies)

are much lower than the actual amounts. This is because, except for the over-45 event, only the balances were put through the accounts. The accounts were adopted for 2006/07.

### 3. Election of the Management Committee

None of the committee expressed a wish to give up their post and with no challenge to any of the existing positions the committee remains the same. However, at the committee meeting held in July it was proposed that Dean Watkins be asked about taking up the position of Tournament Co-ordinator and he has since agreed to this.

Therefore the following people were elected onto the WSRA Committee:-

Chair	Mike Stannard
Secretary	Howard Wilson
Treasurer	Clive Morgan
Council Representative	Howard Wilson
League Secretary - Winter	Derek Bray
League Secretary - Summer	Neil Marshman
Referee Representative	Richard Holdaway
Team Captain - Mens	Owen Moelwyn-Hughes
Team Captain - Mens O35	Nigel Rowe
Team Captain - Mens O45	Clive Morgan
Tournament Co-Ordinator	Dean Watkins

### 4. Annual Reports

#### i. Junior Branch

The junior section of Wilts Squash is currently dormant and although attempts have been made to resurrect it in the past the current state of squash in the county makes it absolutely vital that another try is made to bring more juniors into the game so MS presented a new proposal.

Firstly, the junior section should be officially disbanded so that it can all be run through the senior section. Relevant alterations will be made to the website to make it quite clear what is happening and ensuring that anything relating to junior squash in the county must be channelled through the senior committee. MS is happy to lead on this and will shortly be meeting with Matt Baker from England Squash to get his input. There have already been offers of assistance from Paul Clark, Jason Pike, and Dean Watkins.

Acceptance of this was proposed by HW and seconded by RH

#### ii. Summary of League Activity

##### a. Winter League

Winter League - DB

##### b. Summer League

Summer League – NM

#### iii. Summary of Tournaments

##### a. Mens Senior Closed (Wessex)

- Winner Paul Clark from James Powley, Plate Gary Preston

- 28 Entries
- b. **Mens O35 Closed (Marlborough)**
  - Winner Paul Clark from Nigel Rowe, Plate Murray Kenneth
  - 16 Entries
- c. **Mens O45 Closed (Marlborough)**
  - Winner Nick Hewens from Gary Preston, Plate Graham Gough
  - 9 Entries
- d. **Doubles Closed (Defence Academy)**
  - Winners Stnard & Jones from Buckle & Ridgeway
  - 8 pairs

This was a good year for the closed tournaments and it is hoped that the increase in interest will continue again next year. Thanks go to all those involved in the organisation of these events and especially to Nev Buckle who has decided to stand down from running the doubles event.

iv. **Summary of Inter-County Activity**

a. **Mens Seniors**

No Report

b. **Mens O35**

- Stage 1 - Finished 4th behind S.E.Wales, Berks & Dorset in Div.1 – South A
- Stage 2 - (No Playoff)

c. **Mens O45**

- Stage 1 - Finished 1st from Cambs and Oxon in Div.2 - Group B
- Stage 2 – Promotion - Finished 2nd to Dorset with Cambs in 3rd.

v. **Other Events**

a. **Markers Course**

Two very successful marking courses were held at Trowbridge (14 attendees) and Wessex (27 attendees). It was suggested that another course should be held at Marlborough although it might be difficult to find a suitable date now that the season has started. RH to liase with CM.

vi. **Proposals for next season**

i. **Tournaments**

a. **Seniors Closed**

- 19/20 Jan. 2008
- Dean Watkins to Organise
- Venue: Nightingale

b. **O35 Closed**

- 22/23 Mar. 2008
- Mike Hyland to Organise
- Venue: Oasis

c. **O45 Closed**

- 1/2 Mar. 2008
- Clive Morgan to Organise
- Venue: Wessex

d. **Doubles Closed**

- 14/15 June 2008
- Organiser Howard Wilson
- Venue: Marlborough

The question of a possible increase in entry fees was raised but after some discussion it was decided that whilst the tournaments remained self-funding the entry fee should stay at £5. However, with costs increasing all the time, this should be reviewed again next year.

ii. **Inter-County Teams**

. **Mens Senior**

- Captain: Owen Moelwyn-Hughes
- 17/18 Nov '07 and Stage 2 - 08/09 March '08

a. **O35**

- Captain: Nigel Rowe
- 10/11 Nov '07 and Stage 2 - 23/24 Feb '08

b. **O45**

- Captain: Clive Morgan
- 1/2 Dec '07 and Stage 2 - 2/3th Feb '08

iii. **Player Registration Proposal**

NM distributed a handout to the meeting and then provided a brief explanation. After some discussions it was agreed that NM should do a paper trial by checking registrations/appearances in 2007/08 and if the system works OK the payments would be introduced in 2008/09. NM, MH & BB will look into the on-line implications.

vii. **A.O.B.**

- . MH has heard from the New Generation club that as just opened in Swindon. HW agreed to make contact and to provide them with details of Wiltshire SRA.
- a. MH suggested that we might re-name one of the county trophies in honour of Brian Hanson and MS proposed that a new trophy be purchased and then awarded, in Brian's name, for outstanding contribution to Wiltshire Squash. MS suggested that the first recipient be Paul Clark for his achievements in winning the Senior Closed title again after 26 years and then being selected to play for England. MS also suggested that anyone from the county who represents their country should be awarded a small memento to mark the achievement. All present were in agreement. MS to organise.
- b. Following on from the previous item, it was agreed that there should be an annual presentation evening. It is now too late for 2006/07 but the committee will arrange an event for 2007/08.
- c. CM passed on a suggestion from Graham Gough that a charity event might be held in respect of Brian Hanson but it was felt that it was now a little too late.
- d. CM also passed on Graham's concerns about the eating facilities at JSCSC. MH noted the comment but pointed out that some of the old RMCS teams have only just been given access to the new courts and it will take a little time for everything to settle down.
- e. HW reported that all the sporting bodies that helped organise tournaments for the Challenge Swindon event earlier in the year have received a significant financial award from the entry fees and sponsorship money. As he was representing both Wilts SRA and the Wessex SC some of the money will go to the club but £350 would be passed on to the Wiltshire funds and HW would ideally like to see this used for the promotion of junior squash.
- f. There was some discussion regarding setting up a refereeing/marketing feature on the Wilts SRA website. This would include making copies of the abbreviated rules, decision sheet and marking sheet available for download. It was also hoped that something could be made of the current video footage on the website. MH and RH to arrange.

- g. Finally, it was decided that with more going on in Wiltshire Squash, there should be two management meetings held during the year as well as the AGM.