

**Wiltshire Squash Rackets Association**  
**Minutes of the AGM - Tuesday 2nd September 2008**  
**Venue: The Wellington Pub, Marlborough, 7:30pm**

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

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Club Representatives	Graham Gough	Marlborough
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Apologies	Brian Brock
	Nigel Rowe
	Dean Watkins
	Neville Buckle
	Simon Lucas

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Handouts	Treasurer's Report	Clive Morgan
	Accounts for 2007/08	Clive Morgan

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

**1. Previous AGM Minutes**

MH queried what was happening about the 'Brian Hanson' trophy. There followed a discussion about how a voting system would work with the conclusion being that this would be very difficult to implement. It was suggested that one of the existing trophies be named in Brian's honour. DB will check that this is acceptable with Mrs Hanson. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by CM and seconded by NM.

**2. Presentation/Adoption of accounts**

CM presented the Treasurers Report and accounts (attached). The only item raised was whether the tournament entry fees should be increased and it was agreed that as we are still breaking even on the tournaments there was no need for an increase at this time. The accounts were adopted for 2007/08.

**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, MS proposed that Brian Brock be invited to join the committee to add his experience and Dean Watkins be asked to take on the role of Junior Co-ordinator. Agreed by all.

**4. Annual Reports**

**i. Junior Branch**

An open meeting was held in Salisbury where it was agreed that any teams representing Wiltshire at inter-county level would be passed to Dean Watkins to

arrange entry with England Squash. This process is now in place and appears to be working OK. MS reported that the next step would be to deal with coaching qualifications, CRB checks etc.

ii. **Summary of League Activity**

a. **Winter League**

DB reported that last year's leagues ran OK. He is still awaiting final entry numbers for the 2008/09 season but hopes that it will once again be 4 divisions with 6 teams in each. Leagues to start in w/c 22nd September 2008.

b. **Summer League**

14 teams entered and were split over two divisions. Unfortunately, 2 teams withdrew from the same division once the league had started which caused problems with large gaps in the fixture list. NM also apologised for the communication difficulties, which were a result of the problems he had with his Internet service provider.

iii. **Summary of Tournaments**

a. **Mens Senior Closed (Nightingale)**

- Winner Simon White from Paul Clark, Plate Luke Pacman
- 29 Entries

b. **Mens O35 Closed (Oasis)**

- Winner Nigel Rowe from Paul Clark, Plate Gary Preston
- 17 Entries

c. **Mens O45 Closed (Wessex)**

- Winner Busby Williams from Nick Hewens, Plate Graham Gough
- 12 Entries

d. **Doubles Closed (Wessex)**

- Winners Warren and Healey from Rowe and Preston
- 8 pairs

It was another good year for the closed tournaments with entry numbers showing a slight increase in all events. However, problems with getting sufficient entries for the doubles have resulted in it being moved to a date at the start of the new season.

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

a. **Mens Seniors**

- Stage 1 – Division 2 South A (1) Somerset, (2) Wiltshire, (3) Dorset
- Stage 2 – Division 2 South B

Problems with organisation and player availability resulted in the team being withdrawn from Stage 2 and with circumstances unlikely to change there will be no team entered for the 2008/09 season.

b. **Mens O35**

- Stage 1 – Division 2 C (1) Devon, (2) Cornwall, (3) Wiltshire
- Stage 2 – Division 2 B (1) Oxfordshire, (2) Hertfordshire, (3) Wiltshire

c. **Mens O45**

- Stage 1 – Division 1 South A - (1) Avon, (2) Devon, (3) Dorset, (4) Wiltshire
- Stage 2 – Division South Relegation - (1) Essex, (2) Dorset, (3) Hertfordshire, (4) Wiltshire

v. **Other Events**

a. **Markers Course**

RH reported that marking courses are coming up at Marlborough and Oasis and others can be organised as required. It was agreed that everyone currently playing in the Wiltshire League should be encouraged to attend a course, whether it be for the first time or as a refresher.

vi. **Proposals for next season**

i. **Tournaments**

a. **Seniors Closed**

- 17/18 Jan. 2009
- Dean Watkins to Organise
- Venue: Nightingale

b. **O35 Closed**

- 14/15 Mar. 2009
- Mike Hyland to Organise
- Venue: Wessex (Changed from Marlborough)

c. **O45 Closed**

- 25/26 Apr 2009
- Clive Morgan to Organise
- Venue: Marlborough (Changed from Oasis)

d. **Doubles Closed**

- Oct 2009
- Organiser Howard Wilson
- Venue: TBA

ii. **Inter-County Teams**

. **O35**

- Captain: Nigel Rowe
- 8/9 Nov '08 and Stage 2 - 21/22 Feb '09

a. **O45**

- Captain: Dean Watkins
- 29/30 Nov '08 and Stage 2 - 31 Jan/01 Feb '09

b. **O50**

- Captain: Clive Morgan
- 18/19 Oct '08 and Stage 2 - 10/11th Jan '09

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.**

- a. MS pointed out that there seem to be various grants and awards available at the moment and if these are being applied for at club level it would be useful if Wilts SRA could be kept in the loop. HW noted that Dean Watkins has registered concern that there are insufficient coaches available to utilise these grants. MH suggested that perhaps we should have a 'business plan'.
- b. MH asked if there was any advantage in Wilts SRA being registered as a charity. MS said he would ask Brian Brock to have a look at this.
- c. MS stated that we could really do with an up to date database of coaches and said he would speak to Brian Brock about this.

