

Wiltshire Squash Rackets Association
Minutes of the AGM - Wednesday 21st September 2011
Venue: The Wellington Arms, Marlborough, 7:30pm

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

Club Representatives	Brian Brock	Oasis
	Richard Elsdon	Trowbridge
	Jim Conway	Trowbridge
	Wayne Edwards	Devizes
	Mike Harding	Devizes
	?	Lyneham

Apologies	Robert Dalboth	
	Paul Faulkner	(Junior Coordinator)

Handouts	Treasurer's Report	Clive Morgan
	Accounts for 2009/10	Clive Morgan

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

1. Previous AGM Minutes

Acceptance of the previous minutes was proposed by CM and seconded by NM.

2. Presentation/Adoption of accounts

CM presented the Treasurers Report and accounts (attached).

MH suggested that we should see some benefit from the ESR courses that were attended by Paul Clark and Adam Giles and paid for by the county (included in Miscellaneous).

BB asked if a percentage of the ESR rebate might fed back to the clubs. After some discussion BB agreed to put forward a proposal to be considered by the Management Committee. Adoption of the accounts proposed by BB and seconded by MH.

3. Election of the Management Committee

There was no challenge to any of the existing positions but as NM had expressed a desire to give up the running of the Summer League after five years, DW agreed to take over from next year. This appointment was unopposed.

4. Annual Reports

i. Junior Branch

We have three teams entered in the South West Leagues this year with the first games due in October. There are 30-35 juniors in regular attendance at the county

meets and this is growing monthly. The first Wilts Junior Closed produced a really good attendance with players coming from all over the county. Junior workshops are being held at Tidworth on a bi-monthly basis. The next step will be to run squash camps with the Juniors and pro coaches to improve the standard of play with a view to entering the England County Leagues. ESR have donated money to the Juniors to run the workshops and everything that is being done has been self-funded.

ii. **Summary of League Activity**

a. **Winter League**

All details regarding the 2010/2011 season are on the website so DB concentrated on the forthcoming season. There are 21 teams entered which means five in Div's 1, 3 and 4 and six in Div 2. Having an odd number in the league is not ideal but with numbers so low there really is no alternative. MH has contacted Highworth as it was reported that they were keen to join the league but it appears no one has anything organised. Maybe after Christmas?

b. **Summer League**

NM reported a disappointing entry of only 8 teams this year. Reductions in the numbers meant that the league was well contested with some excellent squash played. Congratulations to Cricklade who were this years winners. The re-introduction of doubles proved popular which was not the case with the trial of PAR scoring to 11. Playing to 13 or 15 will be considered for next year as will reverting to traditional scoring. NM thanked BB for developing and ensuring the smooth running of the semi auto scoring system.

iii. **Summary of Tournaments**

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

- Winner Adam Giles from Jason Pike, Plate Simon Lucas
- 39 Entries

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

- Winner Paul Clark from Mike stannard, Plate Tom oatley
- 17 Entries

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

- Winner Paul Clark from Gary Preston, Plate Jon Cameron
- 15 Entries

d. **Doubles Closed (Wessex)**

- Winners – Ade Warren & Tess Healey, Runners-up – John Peirce and Tony Thompson
- Plate – Mike Hyland & Anthony Dennington
- Entries – 8 pairs

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

a. **Mens Senior - Paul Clark**

- Stage 1 – Division 2D - (1) Wilts, (2) Cornwall, (3) Somerset, (4) Avon 2
- Stage 2 – Division 2B - (1) Wilts(promoted), (2) Avon 1, (3) Cornwall

b. **Mens O35 - Nigel Rowe**

- Stage 1 – Division 1D - (1) Glos, (2) Wilts, (3) Hamps
- Stage 2 – Division 1B - (1) Berks, (2) Glos, (3) Wilts

c. **Mens O45 - Dean Watkins**

- Stage 1 – Division 1D - (1) Devon, (2) Dorset, (3) Hamps, (4) Wilts
- Stage 2 – Division 1B(relegation) - (1) Hampshire, (2) Warwickshire, (3) Wilts(relegated)

- d. **Mens O50 - Clive Morgan**
 - Stage 1 - Division 1B (1) Wilts, (2) Cornwall, (3) Dorest
 - Stage 2 – Division 1 Promotion (1) wilts(promoted), (2) Cornwall (3) Essex

- v. **Proposals for next season**
 - i. **Tournaments**
 - a. **Seniors Closed**
 - 14/15 Jan. 2012
 - Dean Watkins/Brian Brock to Organise
 - Venue: South Marston
 - b. **O35 Closed**
 - 3/4 Mar. 2012
 - Mike Hyland to Organise
 - Venue: Marlborough
 - c. **O45 Closed**
 - 21/22 Apr. 2012
 - Jim Conway
 - Venue: Trowbridge
 - d. **Doubles Closed**
 - 16/17 June 2012
 - Organiser Howard Wilson
 - Venue: TB

 - ii. **Inter-County Teams**
 - **Mens Senior**
 - Captain: Paul Clark
 - Stage 1 12/13 Nov 2011 and Stage 2 - 10/11 Mar 2012
 - a. **O35**
 - Captain: Nigel Rowe
 - Stage 1 - 5/6 Nov 2011 and Stage 2 - 24/25 Mar 2012
 - b. **O45**
 - Captain: John Peirce
 - Stage 1 - 26/27 Nov 2011 and Stage 2 - 28/29 Jan 2012
 - c. **O50**
 - Captain: Clive Morgan
 - Stage 1 - 15/16 Oct 2011 and Stage 2 - 21/22 Jan 2012

- vi. **A.O.B.**
 - A vote was taken on the scoring method for next year's Summer League and the result was to move to PAR scoring to 15 (2 clear). We asked which method would be used during the winter season and MS confirmed it would be traditional scoring again this year but it would be reviewed at next year's AGM.
 - a. BB reported that the Oasis has now achieved Clubmark status and has kindly made available the templates for any other clubs that wish to apply. One of the main advantages is that it opens the door towards further funding opportunities. JC said that Trowbridge had received £15,000 from Lottery funding which enabled them to refurbish their courts.
 - b. JC also remarked that this will be Trowbridge's 41st season in the Wiltshire League.
 - c. NM introduced two documents from Oxfordshire and Avon outlining their rules governing team orders and a general discussion followed as to whether we need to introduce further rules or continue with what we have and rely on the experience of DB to resolve any issues that arise. The meeting voted overwhelmingly to continue with the current set-up.

- d. DW asked if we should re-schedule the AGM to June or July to review the past season and give us more notice of any problems that might occur in the forthcoming season This was agreed.
- e. HW reported that Peter Goldson, formerly County Secretary for Warwickshire, has recently moved to Wiltshire. Peter has a wealth of experience – he is a Level 4 coach, a T Grade referee and as a Director of England Squash has vital knowledge of the workings of ESR. Peter has already been appointed to the role of Referee Instructor for Wiltshire and Hampshire but would be happy to assist with any matters where his experience could prove invaluable. HW has contact details.
- f. A communication has been received from ESR regarding funding for referee recruitment and training and HW promised to send this on to the club representatives.
- g. MS re-iterated the committee's view that everyone playing league squash should attend a markers course at least every 2-3 years and more frequently if the opportunity arises.