

Wiltshire Squash and Rackets Association AGM and EGM 2015  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 – 7:30pm  
Oasis Leisure Centre Meeting Room

Minutes of AGM held at Oasis L.C. Swindon on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

1. Present:

Dax Mellor, Rob Douse, John Pierce,, Chris Hardy, Mike Stannard, Brian Brock, Watkins, Peter Goldson, Clive Morgan.

2. Election of chairperson for this meeting.

Chris Hardy was elected to chair this meeting.

3. Apologies for absence

Mark Harding

Adrian Lewis

Nick Norgrove

Nigel Rowe

4. Minutes of Last AGM

It was proposed by Dean Wakins and seconded by Brian Brock that these were accepted as correct.

5. Matters arising from the last minutes.

There were no matters arising.

6. Report from Chairman (until Jan 2015 – Mike Stannard)

This is annexed to these minutes.

7. Summer League Secretary's report (Neil Marshman)

8. Winter League Secretary's report (Neil Marshman)

This is annexed to these minutes. Clive Morgan objected to the reference to the issues becoming personal at times. Neil agreed to amend hi report.

9. County Team Reports (Seniors, O35's, O45's, O50's)

Those reports that were received are annexed to these minutes.

10. 050 beat Cornwall 3/2 lost to Somerset 3/2

11. S2 v bucks beat mark skull Gary Preston Cornwall 4/1, bucks won 19/0, lincs lost 2/3 and finished 4<sup>th</sup>

12. 55's s1 hants lost 1/4 v Avon lost ¼ finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Due to play v glos and Devon so didn't play. Next year in div 2.

13. County Closed reports. (Mike Hyland, John Peirce, Brian Brock)

These reports are published on the website. There was some discussion regarding the number of entries. Dean suggested that additional "badgering of entrants" was required to boost numbers even though organisers had advertised the events on the website and sent email reminders. Brian is improving the database over the next season which will hopefully make this task easier.

Note: following the meeting Dean Watkins has volunteered his services to coordinate entries as a committee member.

14. Refereeing Report (Peter Goldson)

Peter last ran a workshop at Wessex Squash in 2014. He is happy to organise and run another event, this time at the Crown Centre in Devizes. There was a further discussion regarding inappropriate language used on court and towards markers. It was agreed that the standard of squash refereeing in Wiltshire is in need of improvement although surrounding counties is equally as poor.

#### 15. Juniors Report

Dax Mellor provided a substantive summary of Junior Squash within Wiltshire. His full written report is annexed.

#### 16. Treasurers Report and Presentation of Accounts

Clive Morgan presented the report and accounts summary.

#### 17. Matters arising from accounts.

There were no matters arising from the accounts. Dean Watkins proposed these were accepted and this was seconded by Brian Brock

#### 18. Election of Chairperson

Chris Hardy was proposed by Dean Watkins and seconded by Clive Morgan. There were no other nominations.

#### 19. Election of Secretary

No-one at the meeting was prepared to be elected as secretary. In the interim this position will be fulfilled by Neil Marshman. The meeting agreed to approach Dave Burns to be a permanent secretary. This was proposed by Dax Mellor and Seconded by Brian Brock. Dax Mellor will approach Dave to see if he will take the position.

#### 20. Election of Treasurer

Clive Morgan was proposed by Neil Marshman and seconded by Brian Brock?

#### 21. Election of Winter League Secretary

#### 22. Election of Summer League Secretary

Both positions will continue to be covered by Neil Marshman. Proposed Dean Watkins, seconded by Brian Brock.

#### 23. County Grass Roots Development Programme

Dax Mellor provided a summary of this programme which is organised by ES and R. Chris Vine has developed a program to coordinate activity within the county. This will then enable a targeted approach to meet the requirements identified. Dax has identified initial funding through ES and R and WASP for the data gathering exercise and is willing to complete this on behalf of Wiltshire Squash. The initial reports from local counties are favourable. After the initial data gathering exercise a team may be employed to go to clubs, schools etc.

Dax is meeting Natalie Davis who is now ES AND R's participation manager on 6<sup>th</sup> May between 9am and 11am

The meeting proposed that Dax completes the initial data capture investigation and then reports back to the county committee who will then need to establish priorities, key clubs and coaches.

Dax to proceed to apply.

24. County Team Entries for next season

This will be agreed at the next committee meeting.

25. County Closed Squash Tournaments for remainder of this season and Next

These will be agreed at the next committee meeting

26. County Closed Racketball -

This will run as a one day event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Neil Marshman will organise. Venue to be Wessex Squash Club.

27. Ladies Squash in Wiltshire – including inter county entry?

Neil Marshman reported on the match between Swindon and Wiltshire's only lady team, Chippenham. This had proved a worthwhile exercise and Neil asked if it was worth entering a ladies team into the inter counties. The meeting welcomed the ideas of an increased female participation and suggested an internal ladies team event first before moving forward. Neil Marshman will look into a small team event for September.

28. Club reports for next AGM.

Neil Marshman advised that the local county volleyball league has reports from its regional clubs at its AGM. The meeting felt this links in with data capture and could be worthwhile. To be further discussed at next committee meeting.

29. Any other business

There was no other business

30. Next Committee Meeting.

This will take place in the Oasis Meeting Room at 7:30 on

31. The meeting closed at 10:30.