



THE VETERANS SQUASH RACKETS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

President: Philip Ayton

Chairman: John Woodliffe

Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain held at Broxbourne Sports Club, Herts on Sunday 18th April 2010.

Present:	President	-	Philip Ayton
	Vice-Presidents	-	Lance Kinder
		-	Norman Hunt
		-	Tony McStravick
	Chairman	-	John Woodliffe
	Hon Secretary	-	Nigel Belle
	Hon Treasurer	-	Gordon Coulthard
	Tournament Director	-	Geoff Howes
	Hon Match Secretary	-	Tony Seare
	Northern Representative	-	Mike Clemson
	Committee Member	-	Mandy Akin

44 members attended plus committee above: Gordon Ross, Graham Davies, Bill Little, Brian Youngs, Oliver Pollard, John Timperley, Brian Phillips, Tom Hendry, Brian Sayer, Paul Allen, Peter Willmor, Brian Willmor, Maurice Glover, Len Froggitt, George Aplin, Eamonn Price, Chris Harland, Claire Baker, Howard Cherlin, Stuart Hardy, Malcolm Gilham, Jack Harris, Dean Clayton, Adrian Wright, Roger Morrell, Arnold Reed, Tom Hannon, Guy Tarring, Mick Tidy, Ian Smith, Tony Wheeler, Karen Hume, Robert Smith, Albert Akin, Chris Howes, Denis Hill.

Apologies were received from Barry Featherstone, Graham Fisher, Sue Pynegar, Lesley Sturgess, Martin Pearse, Patrick Fleming, Peter Hubert.

1 Opening of AGM

The President opened the meeting at 15.45 and welcomed all those present.

2 Minutes of 46th AGM

These were read, Denis Hill proposed, Brian Sayer seconded and it was carried that these minutes were a true record and were accordingly signed by the President.

3 Matters Arising

Mike Perkins. The Chairman happily reported that Mike Perkins, following a heart bypass operation, was now much better.

4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the Club Accounts for the year ending 30 June 2009, together with the financial position as at 12th April 2010. It was proposed by Jack Harris, seconded by John Timperley and carried unanimously that the accounts be adopted.

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked our President, Philip Ayton, for his continued help and involvement with Club affairs. Other points covered:

- a) **Membership.** This now stands at a healthy 570 with a record 23 new members joining since the last AGM. All members were urged to inform the Hon. Secretary of changes to their address, telephone numbers or e mail address to ensure the Handbook is always as up to date as possible.
- b) **Friendly Matches.** These were very important as they include players of all standards and were a cornerstone of the Club's objectives. The number of matches had however declined over the last few years and members present were urged to try and arrange a match for the following season.
- c) **Tours.** The Chairman reported on a most enjoyable long weekend in York as reported in the Spring Newsletter. He also advised that a tour to France (volcanic ash permitting!) being hosted by Roger Morrell in Cap d'Agde was going ahead on 23rd to 26th April and was being organized by Lance Kinder.

- d) **Newsletters.** Nigel Belle was thanked for his informative Newsletters, the latest one indicating that many members do very well on the National and International scene. It also showed that many Masters Tournaments are being organized, which was encouraging – they are well run and great fun.
- e) **The Club Tournament.** Geoff Howes was thanked for his excellent running and organizing of this years finals weekend at Broxbourne. The loud applause from those members present indicated complete agreement with the Chairman.
- f) **The Committee.** The Chairman formally wished to record his thanks to all members for the amount of time, effort and goodwill that they give so willingly in support of our Club. It was very much appreciated.
- g) **Gordon Coulthard, Hon. Treasurer.** The Chairman advised that after some 14 years, Gordon had decided to call it a day. With the help of his wife Jan, and by his own hard work, the Chairman paid tribute to Gordon for managing the Club's finances very carefully and for ensuring a healthy balance now which includes a modest reserve in case of need. The Club were extremely grateful to them both for the great deal of effort they have put in over the last 14 years. The Chairman was delighted to report that David Garrett had been kind enough to offer his services and take over as Treasurer after production of the year end accounts to 30th June 2010.

6 Election of Officers.

The President advised that apart from David Garrett taking over from Gordon Coulthard as Treasurer all other Committee members were prepared to stand for re-election. There being no further nominations Tom Hendry proposed, Brian Sayer seconded and it was carried that all be elected for the coming year.

Chairman	-	John Woodliffe
Hon. Secretary	-	Nigel Belle
Hon. Treasurer	-	David Garrett
Hon. Match Secretary	-	Tony Seare
Tournament Director	-	Geoff Howes
Ex officio-ES Masters	-	Martin Pearse
Publicity	-	Ian McKenzie
Committee Member	-	Mandy Akin
Northern Representative	-	Mike Clemson

7 Any other business.

- a) **50th Anniversary.** The Chairman stated that it was the Committee's intention to hold a special celebratory dinner similar to the one held at the RAC Epsom for the 40th and 45th. Robert Smith asked whether there were any plans to produce an updated Anniversary Book or an addendum to the 40th. Following input from Tom Hendry, Stuart Hardy and others it was agreed that a completely new book was preferable. The Committee to consider options over the coming months.
- b) **Doubles scoring.** Brian Sayer stated that he felt games to 15 were preferable to games to 11. Following much discussion the matter was referred to the Committee for further debate and a decision for next years finals.
- c) **Strokes in Doubles.** There was a strong feeling, mainly led by Howard Cherlin, that strokes should be imposed more rigorously for deliberate baulking or interference. Following contributions from Gordon Ross, Tony McStravick, John Timperley, John Garrett and others it was agreed that strokes should be awarded at future finals. Details of this decision and the new rules to be reiterated at the start of the 2010/11 Club Championships.
- d) **South Africa – Inter Provincials.** Robert Smith asked whether the GB Vets Club would be participating in these in the future. The Chairman and Stuart Hardy stated that the South Africans would be more than happy to have us but it was more a question of i) fitting it into the now very full squash calendar and ii) finding someone to run/organize it.

8 Closure of AGM.

There being no further business the President thanked all for coming, thanked all Committee members for their hard work over the past year and closed the Meeting at 4.10pm.

4th May 2010

Distribution: President, all committee members, Chief Executive of England Squash.

(Note: These minutes to be formally approved at the 48th AGM in April 2011)