



THE VETERANS SQUASH RACKETS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

President: Philip Ayton

Chairman: John Woodliffe

Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting of the Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain held at Broxbourne Squash Club on Sunday 14th April 2013.

Present:	President	-	Philip Ayton
	Vice-President	-	Lance Kinder
	Chairman	-	John Woodliffe
	Hon Secretary	-	Nigel Belle
	Hon Treasurer	-	David Garrett
	Tournament Director	-	Geoff Howes
	Northern Representative	-	Mike Clemson

25 members attended plus committee above: Howard Cherlin, Tom Hendry, Mo Khalifa, Gordon Ross, Jim Switzer, Vinnie Taylor, Graham Hooper, Chris Ansell, Brian Hardcastle, Keith Searle, Barry Featherstone, Averil Murphy, Lynne Davies, Sarah Howlett, Steve Jackson, Aubrey Waddy, Alan Boulden, Tony Grace, Robin Mace, Leighton Jenkins, Tony Wheeler, Stuart Hardy, Robert Smith, Karen Hume, Der mot Hurford.

Apologies were received from Dean Clayton, Gordon Coulthard, Peter Culver, Chris Howes, John Batty, Martin Pearse, Tony Claydon, Eric Cruttenden, Tony McStravick, Eric Robinson.

1 Opening of AGM

The President opened the meeting at 15.40 and welcomed all those present.

2 Minutes of 49th AGM

These were read, Keith Searle proposed, Tom Hendry seconded and it was carried that these minutes were a true record and were accordingly signed by the President.

3 Matters Arising

PAR vs HiHo. It was reported that the WSF (World Squash Federation) would continue with PAR scoring for all their events but that ESR (England Squash & Racketball) and ESM (England Squash Masters) would be free to decide which system they use. In the Masters case this is currently PAR for the younger age groups up to O40 and HiHo for all other older age groups.

4 Treasurer's Report

- a) **18 months accounts.** As had been suggested at the 49th AGM and discussed and agreed in Committee future financial years would run from 1st January to 31st December and not 1st July to 30th June. This decision had resulted in accounts being prepared for the 18 months, 1st July 2011 to 31st December 2012. The Treasurer having explained the accounts, Tom Hendry proposed, Chris Ansell seconded and all agreed that the accounts be adopted.
- b) **Current situation.** The current financial position was explained to the meeting indicating a healthy bank balance going into our 50th Anniversary Year.
- c) **Insurance.** Tom Hendry raised the question of whether the Club was at risk by not having insurance, which was cancelled as a cost cutting measure during the year. It was felt that there was no problem with this decision either liability or 'all risks' as the latter, mainly covering trophies, was now the responsibility of individual trophy winners.

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked the President, Philip Ayton, for his continued help and involvement with Club affairs and stated that the Club was in very good health. Main points covered:

- a) **Recruitment.** Whilst membership was reasonably buoyant the Chairman urged all members to recruit new members especially amongst the 'younger' age groups – over 45 and 50.

- b) **Tony Seare.** The Chairman advised that Tony Seare, the Hon. Match Secretary, would stand down due to illness. He was thanked for his past excellent services and the Chairman agreed to pass on the good wishes of the meeting to Tony.
- c) **Friendly Matches.** These continue to be a vital and important part of the Club's activities. The Chairman urged members to consider becoming a match manager and to organize a match against their local Club.
- d) **Tours.** The Chairman reported on very successful weekends - against the Fitzwilliam Club in Ireland and the Wiggington Club in York. As the squash calendar is very full these days there is less time to fit in a tour, but ideas for a tour are always most welcome.
- e) **The Club Tournament.** Following agreement to hold the Club Tournaments over two separate weekends – Doubles at Colets and Singles at Broxbourne – instead of over a 6 month period the meeting discussed the pros and cons of this new format. After much input from many members a straw poll indicated a small preference for the two separate weekends. However the Hon. Tournament Sec. agreed to contact playing members for their opinions and report back to the Committee.
- f) **50th Anniversary.** The Chairman advised on plans to celebrate the Club's 50th Anniversary this year. A hardbound book covering our 50 year history, a weekend festival of squash and a black tie dinner at the RAC were planned and arrangements were well advanced. All details would be sent to members with the Summer Newsletter scheduled to go out end August, beginning September.
- g) **The Committee.** The Chairman thanked all members of the Committee for giving up so much of their time for the good of the members. It was very much appreciated.

6 Election of Officers.

The President advised that he and all current Committee members, except Tony Seare the Hon. Match Secretary, were prepared to stand for re-election. David Smith had kindly agreed to be Hon. Match Secretary and Robert Smith agreed to be a Committee member. There being no further nominations Lance Kinder proposed, Dermot Hurford seconded and it was carried that all be elected for the coming year.

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

7 Any other business.

- a) **British Open.** Mike Clemson advised on plans to hold a social event sometime during the British Open in Hull in May to promote the GB Vets Club. The meeting wished the event well.
- b) **Website.** Nigel Belle advised that all member details were now available on the website and urged all members to visit the site regularly and also to submit articles and items of interest to him as often as possible.

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 following a rousing rendition of 'Happy Birthday' to Stuart Hardy closed the meeting at 16.00

8th June 2013

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

(Note: These minutes to be formally approved at the 51st AGM in April 2014)