



THE VETERANS SQUASH RACKETS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

President: Philip Ayton

Chairman: John Woodliffe

Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting of the Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain held at Colets Health & Fitness Centre on Sunday 6th April 2014.

Present:	President	-	Philip Ayton
	Vice-Presidents	-	Lance Kinder Tony McStravick
	Hon. Life Member	-	Mike Perkins
	Chairman	-	John Woodliffe
	Hon Secretary	-	Nigel Belle
	Hon Treasurer	-	David Garrett
	Tournament Director	-	Geoff Howes
	Ordinary Members	-	Robert Smith Karen Hume

36 members attended plus committee above: Alastair McMeckan, Ray Lanagan, Paul Roberts, Jim Switzer, Wilf Mann, Tom Hendry, Brian Phillips, George Aplin, Dean Clayton, Gordon Coulthard, Gordon Ross, Graham Davies, Brian Sayer, Graham Edwards, Alasdair Niven, Mike Shattock, Keith Searle, Maurice Glover, Aubrey Waddy, Christine Howes, Derek Tullett, Brian Dobson, Robin Mace, Steve Jackson, Lynne Davies, Darren Withey, Barry Featherstone, Chris Harland, Mark Hildred, Julia Ledger, Claire Baker, Clark Adam, Stuart Hardy, Sam Mueller, Alison Goy.

Apologies were received from Mike Clemson, Brian Cane, Dave Smith, Andrew Beeston, Patrick Fleming, Martin Pearse.

1 Opening of AGM

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

2 Minutes of 50th AGM

These were read, Tony McStravick proposed, Robert Smith seconded and it was carried that these minutes were a true record and were accordingly signed by the President.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer explained the 12 months accounts to 31st December 2013 which had previously been circulated to all members via the Spring Newsletter. These showed a healthy situation having taken into account the income and expenditure for the 50th Anniversary celebrations. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Paul Roberts, seconded by Tom Hendry and carried by the members.

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) **50th Anniversary celebrations.** The Chairman outlined the main events which included a black tie dinner at the RAC, Woodcote Park, the publication of a 72 page, hardback Book in full colour and an inaugural Inter-Club competition involving teams from the RAC, Escorts, Jesters, the Army and the GB Vets. It was felt that all events were extremely successful and it was hoped that the Inter-Club competition would become an annual event.
- b) **Friendly matches.** Some 24 matches had been played this season and the Chairman thanked all those who had given their time to organizing them. However he urged all to try and increase the number of friendlies by arranging a match between their own Club and the GB Vets since these matches are very good value and do much to raise the profile of the Club.
- c) **Tours.** Because the squash calendar has now become very full it is difficult to arrange tours except over long weekends. A tour to York is planned for next season but any ideas for a tour, either at home or abroad, would be very welcome.

- d) **Recruitment.** The Chairman stressed the urgent need to recruit new members, especially amongst the younger age groups – O45 and O50. Membership forms were available at the meeting for members to take away and pass on to potential new members.
- e) **The Club Tournament.** This year the Tournament reverted to being played over a number of months culminating in a finals weekend. Last year's experiment of holding all matches over just two weekends – one for singles and one for doubles- was felt to be not as good. The Chairman thanked Geoff Howes for organizing a very successful and well run Tournament both on court and the buffet supper off court.
- f) **The Committee.** The Chairman thanked the hard-working Committee and co-opted Members for giving up so much of their time for the good of the members. It was very much appreciated.

6. John Woodliffe.

The President advised the meeting that John Woodliffe, after over 20 years of exemplary service as Chairman, is to retire. Following a brief resume of John's numerous achievements the President presented him with a Mont Blanc fountain pen engraved with his initials and an inscription on the box "Lt.Col.John Woodliffe, on behalf of the members of The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain, in recognition of 20 years excellent leadership as Chairman, 2014". After much applause John responded giving a précis of his time in office and thanking all for such a wonderful retirement gift and for all the help and support he had received over the years. Again much applause. It was proposed by Philip Ayton, seconded by Tom Hendry and carried unanimously that John be made a Vice President of the Club.

7. Election of Officers.

The President advised that Tom Hendry had very kindly agreed to take over as Chairman for a period of 2 to 3 years. During the year Mandy Akin stood down as a Committee member due to work commitments but Karen Hume agreed to take over from her. All other committee members had agreed to stand for re-election and there being no further nominations it was proposed by Gordon Coulthard, seconded by Ray Lanagan that all be elected for the coming year

President	-	Philip Ayton
Chairman	-	Tom Hendry
Hon. Secretary	-	Nigel Belle
Hon. Treasurer	-	David Garrett
Hon. Match Secretary	-	David Smith
Tournament Director	-	Geoff Howes
Publicity	-	Ian McKenzie
Committee Members	-	Robert Smith
	-	Karen Hume
Northern Representative	-	Mike Clemson
Ex officio-ES Masters	-	Martin Pearse

7 Any other business.

Nil.

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 16.05.

10th May 2014.

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

(Note: These minutes to be formally approved at the 52nd AGM in April 2015)