



THE VETERANS SQUASH RACKETS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

President: Philip Ayton

Chairman: Tom Hendry

Minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting of the Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain held at Broxbourne Sports Club, Mill Lane Close, EN10 7BA on Sunday 19th April 2015.

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

28 members attended plus committee above: Alastair McMeckan, Ray Lanagan, Brian Phillips, George Aplin, Dean Clayton, Gordon Coulthard, Keith Searle, Aubrey Waddy, Christine Howes, Julia Ledger, Claire Baker, Stuart Hardy, Mandy Akin, Albert Akin, Vinnie Taylor, Rob Hamilton, Paul Reader, Tony Wheeler, Chris Lowry, Geoff Gill, Andy Normile, Marvin Rust, Richard Winter, Dermot Hurford, Leighton Jenkins, Anthony Grace, Allan Boulden, Roger Sulley.

Apologies were received from Mike Clemson, Patrick Fleming, Martin Pearse, Mike Shattock, Graham Davies, Edward Woods, Ian Smith.

1 Opening of AGM

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

Brigadier Mike Perkins CBE. It was with deep regret that it was announced that Mike had died on 29th March 2015 at the age of 83. He was our President from 1993 to 2001 and Tony McStravick gave a brief eulogy on his many achievements on and off the squash court. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday 24th May at 2pm at Christ's Hospital School Chapel, Horsham, RH13 0YP

2 Minutes of 51st AGM

These were read, Gordon Coulthard proposed, Tony McStravick 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

12 months accounts to 31st December 2014, which had been circulated to all members present at the meeting, were explained by the Hon. Treasurer. Overall these showed a healthy situation and adoption of the accounts was proposed by Tony McStravick, seconded by Robert Smith and carried by the members.

5 Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave his report covering the activities of the previous year and detailing the progress of the Club's future plans. Main points: **a) attracting and recruiting younger members** where many ideas are being investigated and he advised that 68% of new members over the last year were in the O55 category – a small but significant step. The drive to revive and extend **b) friendly fixtures** was progressing and it was hoped that a good number of additional fixtures would be arranged by the end of 2015. **c) tours** to York and Jersey and the **Festival of squash** at the RAC had been very successful and although hosting a veterans team from Canada had to be postponed it was hoped this would happen in May 2016. The Festival of squash is now a regular feature of the season.

Constructive discussions on expanding and popularizing **d) the Doubles game** have taken place with the Chief Exec and Director of Participation of England Squash and Racketball. It was hoped to bring forward a positive programme for the 2015/6 season. The Chairman advised that, as per our constitution, **Keir Worth, Chief Exec of ESR**, was now an ex-officio member of our Committee.

The Chairman, on behalf of the members, thanked the hard working committee who continue to dedicate their time to the Club. However he stressed the need for new blood and energy and appealed for volunteer(s) to help in any way they can to contribute to the further development of the Club.

6. Election of Officers.

The President advised that all committee members had agreed to stand for re-election and there being no further nominations it was proposed by Lance Kinder, seconded by Roger Sulley and carried unanimously that all be re-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.

- a) **Squash Shorts.** Vinnie Taylor asked the committee to consider adding squash shorts to the list of merchandise available to purchase by members.
- b) **Doubles rules.** Stuart Hardy requested that all players be made aware of which rules apply to the GB Vets matches bearing in mind recent amendments by the WSF and ESR.
- c) **Sale of merchandise.** Stuart Hardy suggested that, as the Club's bank balance was currently pretty healthy, a sale, perhaps as much as 50%, of merchandise and Anniversary Books be considered. In other words use the money for the members.
- d) **Disability in squash.** Tony Wheeler asked whether or not the GB Vets would be prepared to get involved with helping/sponsoring players with a disability such as the hearing impaired or any other disability.

All of the above items to be raised and discussed at the next committee meeting.

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.

30th April 2015.

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

(Note: These minutes to be formally approved at the 53rd AGM in April 2016)