



THE VETERANS SQUASH RACKETS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

President: Philip Ayton

Chair: Ian Graham

Minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting of the Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain held at Colets Health & Fitness, St.Nicholas Road, Thames Ditton,KT7 0PW On Sunday 28th November 2021.

Present:	President	-	Philip Ayton
	Vice Presidents	-	Tony McStravick Lance Kinder John Woodliffe
	Chairman	-	Ian Graham
	Hon Secretary	-	Nigel Belle
	Hon Treasurer	-	Robert Smith
	Hon Match Secretary	-	Nick Sheppard
	Tournament Director	-	Geoff Howes
	ESM Chairman	-	Stuart Hardy
	Ordinary Members	-	Karen Hume

30 members, including the above attended the meeting: Chris Howes, Martin Bronstein, Leighton Jenkins, Paul Clarke, Dean Clayton, Mandy Akin, Albert Akin, Catherine Ruffle, Jacqui Kinder, Keeley Johnson, Peter Culver, Dermot Hurford, Gordon Coulthard, Mark Woodliffe, Aubrey Waddy, Jane Belle, Laurence Molke, Peter Maskell, Adrian Bowles.

Apologies were received from: Tony Wheeler, Richard White, Mike Clemson, Dillwyn Rosser, Tom Hendry, Di Hendry, Andrew Beeston, James Dubois, Allen Barwise, Steve Edmondson, Philip Courtenay-Luck, Dawn Robinson, Marvin rust, Polly Woodward, Martin Pearse, Patrick Fleming.

Presentation: Before the meeting started a presentation was made to Geoff Howes, Tournament Director, for all his hard work in ensuring the Finals Weekend was a huge success.

1. Opening of AGM

The President opened the meeting at 14.58 and welcomed all those present.

2. Approval of 57th AGM Minutes.

These minutes had been posted on our website and had been distributed at the meeting. They were proposed by Gordon Coulthard, seconded by Stuart Hardy and carried unanimously that they were a true record and accordingly were signed by the President.

3. Matters arising.

Nil.

4. Approval of 2020 Accounts.

The 12 months accounts to 31st December 2020 were explained by the Hon. Treasurer. They showed a healthier balance to the previous year mainly due to fewer costs being incurred because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mandy Akin seconded by Peter Culver and carried unanimously.

5. Chair's Report.

The Chair reported that not a lot had happened during 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. He then outlined the positive activities that had happened so far in 2021 and hoped that 2022 would see the GB Vets going from strength to strength. The meeting gave the Chair a vote of thanks for his enthusiastic involvement with all things squash and GB Vets.

6. Election of Officers.

The meeting was asked to approve the Club Officers en bloc as per the list below. It was proposed by Dermot Hurford, seconded by Martin Bronstein and carried unanimously that the Officers below be elected:

President	Philip Ayton
Chairman	Ian Graham
Honorary Secretary	Nigel Belle
Honorary Treasurer	Robert Smith
Tournament Director	Geoff Howes
Honorary Match Secretary	Nick Sheppard
Publicity	Ian McKenzie
Ordinary Member	Karen Hume
Ex Officio (ESM Chairman)	Stuart Hardy

Area Representatives

Allen Barwise (North)
Ian Ross (Scotland)
Lynne Davies (Wales)
Andy Murray (Midlands)

The offices of Vice Presidents and Honorary Life Members remain as in 2020.

7. Any other business.

a) Timing of future Club Tournaments.

The merits of the Tournament being played as this year, early season, or played as historically at the end of the season, March/April were discussed at length. A proposal of conducting the Finals Weekend in future in September was put to the members. A straw poll indicated 86% in favour of an early season Tournament. Clarification of this decision by all members would be considered by the Committee.

b) Combined Tournaments.

Dermot Hurford suggested the idea of having a combined Tournament involving other Clubs/organisations – England Squash Masters, Jesters, Escorts and others. Discussions led mainly by Stuart Hardy, felt that the GB Vets were unique and a stand alone Club and as such should not get involved with a joint Tournament. However opinions would be sort from members at the British Open in mid December.

Closure of 58th AGM

There being no further business the President thanked all for attending the meeting and thanked all Committee members for their hard work during the year and closed the meeting at 15.16.

6th November 2021

Distribution: President, all Committee members, England Squash Masters Chairman.

(Note: These minutes to be formally approved at the 59th AGM)