



THE VETERANS SQUASH RACKETS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

PRESIDENT: Nigel Belle

CHAIR: Ian Graham

**Notice is hereby given that the
62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain
will take place via Teams
on MONDAY 27th OCTOBER 2025
at 7.00pm**

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Approval of 61st AGM Minutes**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Approval of 2024 Accounts**
- 5. Chair's Report**
- 6. Election of Officers**
- 7. Any other business**

Notes:

- a) The minutes of the 61st AGM, 2024 Accounts and Treasurer's Statement, Chair's Report and proposed Election of Officers of the Club for 2025/6 are attached**
- b) Points for item 7 – Any Other Business – should be notified to the Hon Secretary in writing by email (clubsecretary@gbvs.co.uk) prior to the meeting.**

**Rosalind Featherstone
Hon Secretary
10.10.25**



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Minutes of the 61st 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 8th September 2024.

Present:	President	-	Philip Ayton
	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: Aubrey Waddy, Barry Featherstone, Ros Featherstone, Martin Miller, Rick Boxer, Chris Ansell, Carl Goulding, Kevin Connors, Peter Culver, Dale McCarter, Jonathan Bomford, David Parker, Dillwyn Rosser, Dan Sweeney, Teejay Sugunro, David Harris, Clark Adam, Catherine Ruffle, Allen Barwise, Bryan Francis, Dermot Hurford, Paul Temple

Apologies for absence: Mike Clemson, Mike Halpin, Dean Clayton, Paul Clarke.

1. Opening of AGM

The President opened the meeting at 13.25 and welcomed all those present.

2. Approval of 60th AGM Minutes.

These minutes had been posted on our website and had been distributed at the meeting. They were proposed by Dillwyn Rosser, seconded by Peter Culver and carried unanimously that they were a true record and accordingly were signed by the President.

3. Matters arising.

Nil.

4. Approval of 2023 Accounts.

The 12 months accounts to 31st December 2023 were explained by the Hon. Treasurer. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Aubrey Waddy seconded by Dillwyn Rosser and carried unanimously.

5. Chair's Annual Report 2023/4.

A quieter year than our 60th but still busy. Our members have had many successes in European, National and Regional events with a good number selected for the Home Internationals.

Multi players fixtures again proved popular against the Home Nations, Civil Service, Fire Brigade, Oxford Uni and many others. Tours to Ireland, York and Jersey were much enjoyed. RAC, Woodcote Park, hosted a first Doubles fixture against the Jesters and our annual Festival. The Escorts won for the first time with the title going to the winners of the last and best contest of the day.

A new Website has added a great deal of extra functionality for members, making it easier to opt into matches and find information. Brian Brock has set this up for us and it is an excellent addition for our Club.

We are losing some “big hitters” at the AGM. Philip Ayton will stand down as President. Nigel Belle will stand down after 17 years as Secretary, Newsletter editor and Archivist. Geoff Howes will be calling time after 18 years running the tournaments. All will receive our sincere thanks and more at the AGM.

Our committee members have provided sterling service in the past year. Treasurer, Robert Smith and Fixtures Sec, Nick Sheppard put in a lot of unseen work as do other committee members running Tours, Golf and writing Newsletter articles. GBV would be the poorer without them.

The Website and Newsletters provide a great deal more insight than my thumbnail sketch of the past year and I whole heartedly commend them to you as evidence of this thriving organisation.

Ian Graham
Chair

6. Election of Officers.

The meeting was asked to approve the Club Officers en bloc as per the list below. It was proposed by Philip Ayton seconded by Dillwyn Rosser and carried unanimously that the Officers below be elected:

Honorary Life Member	Philip Ayton
President	Nigel Belle
Vice President	Geoff Howes
Chairman	Ian Graham
Honorary Secretary	Linda Pritchard
Honorary Treasurer	Robert Smith
Tournament Director	Keith Ragg
Honorary Match Secretary	Nick Sheppard
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, with the exception of Lance Kinder who died in December 2023, remain as 2023 – Tony McStravick, Tony Gathercole John Woodliffe and Tom Hendry.

The offices of Honorary Life Members remain as in 2023 – Jonah Barrington, Mike Clemson and Alex Hamilton.

7. Any other business.

Nil.

8. Presentations. Following a few words of sincere thanks by Robert Smith to those retiring – Philip Ayton, President, Nigel Belle Hon Secretary and Geoff Howes Tournament Director – The Chair made presentations to all three.

Closure of 61st 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 14.10.

14th September 2024.

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

(Note: These minutes to be formally approved at the 62nd AGM)

Treasurer's Statement year ending 31.12.24. Our 61st year since foundation.

The Accounts for the year ending December 2024, show a marginal fall in overall membership revenue but encouragingly a continuing number of new members, so overall membership remains still close to 400.

In 2024 the Club continued their policy of utilising their funds to support the larger matches and tours which have been a great success in the last couple of years.

Reflecting a relatively small loss for the year the bank account remains in a healthy position, and the Club remains solidly financed for the future.

Robert Smith
GB Vets
Treasurer

	2024 Account Statement 31.12.2024				Year	2024	2023
	Income						
	Subscriptions	£4,300	£4,625		Cash at Bank opening balance	£10,512	£12,269
	Joiner Fees	£120	£220		Cash at Bank closing balance	£9,256	£10,512
	Championship Fees (incl prizes sponsorship £891)	£1,596	£2,182		Increase/Decrease in funds	-£1,256	-£1,757
	60s Celebration Ticket Sales	£0	£1,302				
	Festival of Squash direct income (sundry costs netted off income)	£125	£482				
	Sundry income	£100	£0				
	Donations	£0	£0				
	Total Income	£6,241	£8,811				
	Expenditure						
	Championship Prizes (sponsorship of prizes shown in fee income)	£891	£0				
	Championship Costs (incl cost of trophies £971.55)	£677	£1,572				
	Website Costs	£1,306	£828				
	Printing & Post (incl one off £550 for 60th anniv book)	£1,798	£2,259				
	Match Support	£2,257	£2,563				
	Hospitality	£0	£0				
	Festival of Squash (income netted off expenditure)	£0	£820				
	60s Costs to date	£0	£2,526				
	Sundries	£569	£0				
	Total Expenditure	£7,498	£10,568				
	Surplus/Deficit for Year	-£1,257	-£1,757				
	Accrual Adjustments for correct year 2023.24	£134	-£714				
	Accruals 2024 (charged in 2025)FOS +Printing	-£530	£0				
	Adjusted Profit/Loss	-£1,653	-£2,471				

GBV Chair Annual Report 2025

The last year has been another busy one for our members and with 24 joining, shows the continuing strength of the club.

Our tournament was smaller in number but entrants had a great day with plenty of highly competitive squash. Keith Ragg will build on this in 2026.

Nick Sheppard has continued to forge ahead with multi player matches involving a great range of players. The Festival was, as always, a successful event with the RAC achieving a maiden victory. Allen Barwise continues to arrange tours with York, Jersey and Ireland. GBV won 8 medals in the European Championships (2 Gold) and 9 medals in the British Open (3 winners).

Finances in the capable hands of Robert Smith, continue to remain positive with club contributions towards travel abroad.

Our website is almost complete as new features are added. Apart from invitations to play in fixtures, we intend to notify all members of news items uploaded to the website. SendPulse will be used to formulate newsletters and put info together for members.

I am delighted to say that all present committee members have agreed to serve for a further year. As Chair, on your behalf, I thank them all for their hard work to keep GBV running successfully.

Our AGM will be on Teams this year.



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**PROPOSED ELECTION OF OFFICERS
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