



## THE VETERANS SQUASH RACKETS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

President: Philip Ayton

Chairman: John Woodliffe

### Minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain held at Colets Thames Ditton, Surrey, on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

<b>Present:</b>	<b>President</b>	-	<b>Philip Ayton</b>
	<b>Vice-Presidents</b>	-	<b>Lance Kinder</b>
		-	<b>Norman Hunt</b>
	<b>Chairman</b>	-	<b>John Woodliffe</b>
	<b>Hon Secretary</b>	-	<b>Nigel Belle</b>
	<b>Hon Treasurer</b>	-	<b>Gordon Coulthard</b>
	<b>Tournament Director</b>	-	<b>Geoff Howes</b>
	<b>Hon Match Secretary</b>	-	<b>Tony Seare</b>
	<b>Publicity</b>	-	<b>Ian McKenzie</b>

**44 members attended plus committee above:** Oliver pollard, Trevor Cox, Tony Wheeler, Leighton Jenkins, Gordon Ross, Graham Davies, Tom Hannon, Denis Hill, John Timperley, Keith Searle, Len Froggitt, Dean Clayton, Jack Harris, Bill Little, Brian Youngs, Barry Featherstone, Alan Oates, Patrick Fleming, Andy Larkin, Mike Clemson, Brian Willmor, Peter Willmor, Mandy Akin, Albert Akin, Robert Smith, Karen Hume, Adrian Wright, Chris Howes, Paul Reader, Mark Cowley, Pay Rook, Brian Dobson, Chris Ansell, Claire Baker, David Robinson, Jim Switzer, Aubrey Waddy, Brian Sayer, Eamonn Price, Steve Jackson, George Aplin, Alan Thomson, Alasdair Niven.

**Apologies** were received from Tony McStravick, Martin Pearse, Tony Waller, John Perrott, Trevor Wilkinson, Philip Alexander, Mick Carson.

#### **1 Opening of AGM**

The President opened the meeting at 15.35 and welcomed all those present.

#### **2 Minutes of 45th AGM**

These were read, Brian Sayer proposed, Denis Hill seconded and it was carried that these minutes were a true record.

#### **3 Matters Arising**

- a) **Recruitment.** Following Stuart Hardy's idea at the last AGM of distributing a 'flyer' in an attempt to recruit new members, the Secretary advised that this had been done. Most members participating in Regional and National Tournaments had received a 'flyer' which detailed membership benefits on one side and an application for membership on the reverse.

#### **4 Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer presented the Club Accounts for the year ending 30 June 2008, together with the financial position as at 14th April 2009. It was proposed by Gordon Ross, seconded by Jack Harris and carried unanimously that the accounts be approved.

#### **5 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman thanked our new President, Philip Ayton, for his help and involvement with Club affairs and congratulated him on his various achievements during 2008/09. He advised that Mike Perkins had recently undergone heart bypass surgery and that he would be passing on the Club's best wishes for a speedy recovery. Other points covered:

- a) **Friendly Matches.** These are under new management, Tony Seare, and the Chairman advised that matches were progressing well. He thanked Ann Windle for all her help and support during the years she was Match Secretary. The Chairman was indebted to the Team Managers for all the time they give to raising and organizing teams and urged members to try and arrange a few more matches for the future.

- b) **Tours and Tournaments.** The number of tours had recently been restricted because of the number of tournaments now on the squash calendar – Regional and National – together with Inter County and Home Internationals. He believed that short tours within the UK may be the way forward for the time being.
- c) **The Newsletters.** There was generally positive feedback from those that had received the latest Newsletter via e mail. He thanked Nigel Belle for his efforts and urged all members to advise the Hon. Sec. when they change their address. The Summer Newsletter and Handbook will be sent by post.
- d) **The 'Coming-of(Veteran)-Age Dinner.** This was held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2008 at the RAC Woodcote Park, was attended by some 96 members and their guests and had been a great evening.
- e) **The Club Tournament.** He thanked the manager and members of Colets for allowing the GB Vets to hold their finals weekend again at their Club. Also, many thanks to Geoff and Chris Howes for all their hard work in producing such a smooth-running event. Next years finals will be back at Broxbourne.
- f) **Golf Day.** This had been arranged by Tony Seare twice and both times had to be cancelled through lack of support. Anyone wishing to set up a round of golf with a few other members should contact Tony.
- g) **The Committee.** The Chairman formally wished to record his heartfelt thanks to all members for the amount of time, effort and goodwill that they give so willingly in support of our first class Club. It was very much appreciated.

## **6 Election of Officers.**

The President advised that Ann Windle had stepped down as Match Secretary, all other committee members were happy to be reelected and that Mandy Akin and Mike Clemson had agreed to join the committee. There being no further nominations Lance Kinder proposed, Len Froggitt seconded and it was carried that all be elected for the coming year.

Chairman	-	John Woodliffe
Hon. Secretary	-	Nigel Belle
Hon. Treasurer	-	Gordon Coulthard
Hon. Match Secretary	-	Tony Seare
Tournament Director	-	Geoff Howes
Ex officio-ES Masters	-	Martin Pearse
Publicity	-	Ian McKenzie
Committee Member	-	Mandy Akin
Northern Representative	-	Mike Clemson

## **7 Any other business.**

The President asked if there were any further points to be raised. Mandy Akin asked, now that she is on the committee, if she had to wear a blazer and tie at meetings. The Chairman replied that if that was all she was going to wear then that was perfectly alright!

## **8 Closure of AGM.**

Following much laughter and there being no further interesting business the President thanked all Committee Members for their hard work over the past year and declared the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting closed at 1550 hours.

10th May 2009

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

(Note: These minutes to be formally approved at the 47<sup>th</sup> AGM in April 2010)