



THE VETERANS SQUASH RACKETS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

President: Philip Ayton

Chairman: John Woodliffe

Minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting of the Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain held at Colets Thames Ditton, Surrey on Sunday 17th April 2011.

Present:	President	-	Philip Ayton
	Vice-Presidents	-	Lance Kinder
		-	Norman Hunt
		-	Tony McStravick
	Honorary Life Member	-	Michael Perkins
	Chairman	-	John Woodliffe
	Hon Secretary	-	Nigel Belle
	Hon Treasurer	-	David Garrett
	Tournament Director	-	Geoff Howes
	Hon Match Secretary	-	Tony Seare
	Northern Representative	-	Mike Clemson
Committee Member	-	Mandy Akin	

34 members attended plus committee above: Albert Akin, Gordon Kerr, Gordon Ross, Robert Smith, Karen Hume, Adrian Wright, Gordon Coulthard, Dean Clayton, Terry Foley, Brian Sayer, Peter Willmor, Brian Willmor, Chris Howes, Keith Searle, Patrick Fleming, Darren Withey, Ed Beer, Claire Baker, Dave Borrie, John Howe, Chris Johnstone, Ray Rook, Jim Switzer, George Aplin, Len Froggitt, Mark Cowley, Tom Hendry, Denis Hill, John Timperley, Graham Davies, Andrew Larkin, Chris Harland.

Apologies were received from Jeremy Lyon, Andrew Beeston, Brian Phillips.

1 Opening of AGM

The President opened the meeting at 15.20 and welcomed all those present.

2 Minutes of 47th AGM

These were read, Tony McStravick proposed, Denis Hill 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 presented the Club Accounts for the year ending 30 June 2010, and briefly outlined the current financial position. It was proposed by John Timperley, seconded by Tom Hendry and carried unanimously that the accounts be adopted.

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman started his report by thanking our President, Philip Ayton, for his continued help and involvement with Club affairs. Other points covered:

- a) **Membership.** This now stands at 549 including 22 ladies. This was slightly down on a year ago and we are particularly thin on the ground up to the O55 age group. In order to help recruit younger members the Chairman proposed an amendment to Rule 3 - Qualification for Membership – by making it much easier to join. Instead of requiring a proposer and seconder the qualification for membership would be solely by age – ie 45 for men and 40 for ladies. Now that we have a good website, players could look at it, download an application form on line and join – after approval by the Committee. It was proposed by Mike Perkins, seconded by Denis Hill and carried that Rule 3 be amended.
- b) **Friendly Matches.** The Chairman advised that although the number of friendlies had slightly increased from last year he made a plea for more volunteers to run matches in future. He thanked all the Match Managers who had organized matches this season and Tony Seare who had kept them on their toes.

- c) **Tours.** The Chairman reported on a tour to York that didn't happen and an invitation to the Inter Provincials in South Africa that could not be accepted as it clashed with the 2nd European Masters in Portugal. However he reported on a very enjoyable, successful annual match against the Fitzwilliam Club which this year took place in Dublin.
- d) **The Club Tournament.** The Chairman thanked Geoff Howes for his excellent running and organizing of this years finals weekend at Colets. A hearty round of applause showed the members appreciation of his excellent efforts.
- e) **50th Anniversary.** The Chairman outlined initial plans to celebrate the Club's 'Golden' in 2013. These included a dinner, some squash 'occasions' perhaps over a weekend, and a new history of the whole 50 years. He advised that a Committee had been formed comprising all of those who had successfully organized the 40th celebrations and history. A maximum budget of £5000 to cover all costs was proposed by Lance Kinder, seconded by Albert Akin and carried.
- f) **New Club Kit.** Items for both ladies and gentlemen had been available to purchase over the finals weekend and much of it had been sold. The new kit, embroidered with a new logo, was very well received and all members, especially those playing in matches, were encouraged to purchase.
- g) **The Committee.** The Chairman formally wished to thank a 'wonderfully supportive Committee' who give up so much of their time for the good of the members. It was very much appreciated. He ended by thanking all for coming.

6 Election of Officers.

The President advised that all current Committee members were prepared to stand for re-election. There being no further nominations Chris Harland proposed, Tony McStravick seconded and it was carried that all be elected for the coming year.

Chairman	-	John Woodliffe
Hon. Secretary	-	Nigel Belle
Hon. Treasurer	-	David Garrett
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.

- a) **Ladies Report.** John Timperley suggested that future AGM's should contain, not only a report by the Chairman, but also one by a lady member specifically covering their activities during the previous season. Committee to consider.

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 3.37pm.

5th May 2011

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

(Note: These minutes to be formally approved at the 49th AGM in April 2012)