



## THE VETERANS SQUASH RACKETS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

President: Philip Ayton

Chairman: Tom Hendry

### Minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

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

**29 members attended plus committee above:** Di Hendry, Richard Winter (and Ollie), Aubrey Waddy, Ian Graham, Keith Searle, Andy Normile, Tony Wheeler, John O'Dell, Nick Markham-David, Roger Sulley, Alastair McMeckan, Chris Ansell, Stephen Pusey, Mark Eames, Ian Smith, Nick Peel, Stuart Hardy, Brian Phillips, George Aplin, Rachel Woolford, Alison Goy, Chris Howes, Jacqui Kinder, Allan Whittow, Gordon Coulthard, Leighton Jenkins, Jane Belle, Dean Clayton, Tariq Mushtaq.

**Apologies** were received from Mike Clemson, Lynne Davies, Syd Spittle, David Cooper, Phil Tilstone, Patrick Fleming, Mandy & Albert Akin, Vinnie Taylor, Len Froggitt.

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

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

#### **2 Minutes of 52<sup>nd</sup> AGM**

These were read, Ian Smith proposed, Robert Smith 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, 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 Aubrey Waddy seconded by Tony Wheeler 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 on the Club's future plans. Main points: **Increasing membership** especially amongst the younger age groups. He advised that already in the first 3 months of 2016 more new members had joined than in the whole of 2015. **Extending the friendly fixture list.** 5 new fixtures had been arranged with many more in the pipeline. **Tours.** Due to the already overcrowded squash calendar, tours can be difficult to arrange. However a tour to York will take place in June and he hoped that more would follow. **The Doubles Game.** Progress on promoting a National tournament has proved to be a challenge. However sufficient interest in the South East had been identified and Robert Smith will be driving an initiative on this front over the next few months. **Festival of Squash,** courtesy of the RAC, was a great success in 2015 and will now become a regular feature of the squash season.

The Chairman stated he has a strong and hard working Committee who continue to dedicate their time to the Club. He thanked them all on behalf of the members. In closing he again urged younger members to come forward to serve the Club in the future. Meanwhile he believed the Club to be in good heart and thanked all members for their continued support.

**6. Election of Officers.**

The Chairman advised that the Hon. Treasurer, David Garrett, and Hon. Match Secretary, David Smith, were standing down. He thanked them for their hard work and services to the Club in the past and happily advised that Di Hendry and Nick Markham-David were willing volunteers who had put their names forward for election. All other committee members had agreed to stand for re-election and there being no further nominations it was proposed by Philip Ayton, seconded by Tariq Mushtaq and carried unanimously that all be elected for the coming year:

President	-	Philip Ayton
Chairman	-	Tom Hendry
Hon. Secretary	-	Nigel Belle
Hon. Treasurer	-	Di Hendry
Hon. Match Secretary	-	Nick Markham-David
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) **Doubles Tournament.** Discussion took place on this issue and as advised in the Chairman's report the Committee will be pushing forward on this project.
- b) **Racketball.** George Aplin raised the question of including Racketball within the GB Vets. After much discussion, some quite heated, it was agreed, following a show of hands, to reject the idea.

**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 15.55.

13<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

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

(Note: These minutes to be formally approved at the 54<sup>th</sup> AGM in April 2017)