



## THE VETERANS SQUASH RACKETS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

President: Philip Ayton

Chair: Ian Graham

**Minutes of the 59<sup>th</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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>President</b>	-	<b>Philip Ayton</b>
	<b>Chairman</b>	-	<b>Ian Graham</b>
	<b>Hon Secretary</b>	-	<b>Nigel Belle</b>
	<b>Hon Treasurer</b>	-	<b>Robert Smith</b>
	<b>Hon Match Secretary</b>	-	<b>Nick Sheppard</b>
	<b>Tournament Director</b>	-	<b>Geoff Howes</b>
	<b>ESM Chairman</b>	-	<b>Stuart Hardy</b>
	<b>Ordinary Members</b>	-	<b>Karen Hume</b>

**32 members, including the above attended the meeting:** Kim Ricks, James Dubois, Barry Featherstone, Chris Howes, Jane Belle, Mandy Akin, Dean Clayton, Paul Clarke, Teejay Sogunro, Bryan Francis, Allen Barwise, Peter Maskell, Adrian Bowles, Dermot Hurford, Nigel Stiles, Gordon Coulthard, Mike Clemson, Aubrey Waddy, John Wild, Denis Champion, David Parker, Fergus Burnett, Dillwyn Rosser, Jamie Bennett.

**Apologies for absence:** Tom & Di Hendry, Tony McStravick, Richard Millman, Jeremy Krzystyniak, Lance & Jacqui Kinder, Allen Leffen, Steve Pusey, Dan Sweeney, Jack Harris, Philip Courtenay-Luck.

**1. Opening of AGM**

The President opened the meeting at 15.03 and welcomed all those present.

**2. Approval of 58<sup>th</sup> AGM Minutes.**

These minutes had been posted on our website and had been distributed at the meeting. They were proposed by Philip Ayton, seconded by Dean Clayton and carried unanimously that they were a true record and accordingly were signed by the President.

**3. Matters arising.**

Nil.

**4. Approval of 2021 Accounts.**

The 12 months accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 were explained by the Hon. Treasurer. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Allen Barwise seconded by James Dubois and carried unanimously.

**5. Chair's Annual Report 2021.**

The Chair reported that 2021 was a year of transition, from no squash to the opening of courts and matches/tournaments towards the end of the year.

The Newsletters kept members up to date with lots of interesting stories and pictures to replace the usual match reports and tournament successes of our playing members.

Keeping fit efforts from all over the country with pictures in the Newsletters kept all members amused along with Nigel Belle's humorous anecdotes and stories.

Aubrey Waddy's highly literate pencil produced fascinating articles on various members including Mark Cowley's courageous fight to overcome virtually insurmountable odds and survive Covid-19.

As members were lured back to playing, the 50% off kit offer was well received. Inter Club matches were played and we fielded sides against Cambridge University and the London Festival of Squash. Our own Festival at the RAC Woodcote Park was a great day of competitive squash. Two ESM Regional events followed by the British Open harvested many winners and runners up. There was a successful golf day at Surbiton and our own Finals Day at Colets was ever popular with a well-attended AGM. The Chair noted that the Club was in good hands and outlined some plans for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to come in 2023. He thanked all members for their continued support of this unique organization.

## **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 James Dubois 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 Members	Karen Hume
	James Barrington
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 2021 except that Tony McStravick advised that he wished to retire. The meeting wished Tony well for the future and thanked him for his excellent past services and loyal support over many decades.

## **7. Any other business.**

### **a) Gibraltar Tour.**

Allen Barwise advised that he was still a couple of players short for this tour 27-30 October and that any member interested in playing should contact him soonest.

### **b) Newsletters to Clubs.**

Dillwyn Rosser suggested that promotional material – Newsletters, application forms etc could be distributed to Clubs to help with recruitment. Committee to consider.

## **Closure of 59<sup>th</sup> 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 15.15.

19<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

(Note: These minutes to be formally approved at the 60<sup>th</sup> AGM)