



## THE VETERANS SQUASH RACKETS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

President: Philip Ayton

Chair: Ian Graham

**Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
of the Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain held at  
Nuffield Health, Highfield Park Drive, St.Albans, Herts, AL4 0AH  
On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

<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>

**22 members, including the above attended the meeting:** Chris Ansell, Mike Clemson, Mike Halpin, Dean Clayton, Lance Kinder, Jacquie Kinder, Keith Ragg, Allen Barwise, Chris Howes, Rik Boxer, Paramjit Deol, Aubrey Waddy, Martin Miller, Jane Belle.

**Apologies for absence:** Tom & Di Hendry, Tony McStravick, Brian Dobson, Andrew Beeston, Vinnie Taylor, James Dubois, Sam Balsdon, Stuart Hardy, Polly Woodward.

**1. Opening of AGM**

The President opened the meeting at 15.15 and welcomed all those present.

**2. Approval of 59<sup>th</sup> AGM Minutes.**

These minutes had been posted on our website and had been distributed at the meeting. They were proposed by Chris Ansell, seconded by Paramjit Deol and carried unanimously that they were a true record and accordingly were signed by the President.

**3. Matters arising.**

Nil.

**4. Approval of 2022 Accounts.**

The 12 months accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 were explained by the Hon. Treasurer. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Robert Smith seconded by Aubrey Waddy and carried unanimously.

**5. Chair's Annual Report 2022.**

A bumper year for GB Vets, pushing forward with various new projects and starting our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year with many planned events.

The aim to arrange multi player fixtures was successful with matches against the Civil Service, Oxford University, Scotland Masters (to honour John Rae and Jim Dougal) and Wales Masters. Tours were another success with an inaugural visit to play Gibraltar who will come to England later this year. We fielded a team at the Jersey Festival and our annual fixture at the Fitzwilliam Club in Dublin was more successful than the Rugby result. The Festival of Squash at the RAC Woodcote Park playing against the Army, RAC and Escorts had a lot of players turning out to enjoy a great day's squash in magnificent surroundings. Perhaps the only downside was the Army team walking off with the trophy again!

Our players have been very busy and successful this year. The British Open produced 4 winners and 9 runners up. In the Home Internationals 39 members will be playing for their country. The World Championships in Poland had 20 members enter. A tremendous 3 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals were won.

Two Golf competitions were played in Surbiton and Windermere with 40 members turning out. Regular fixtures that have happened for many years were also played with results in newsletters and on the website. Our Newsletters remain an interesting and well-read feature of our club. Sara Howlett, Mark Cowley, Karen Hume and David Leakey the most recent subjects of 5 Questions. Our annual tournament was less popular. Robert Smith was awarded the Burrell trophy and David Parker picked up the Norman Hunt trophy. GBV continues to thrive with 25 new members in the last year.

We are now well into the 60<sup>th</sup> year and a lot more is planned. There are 3 more multi players events against England, Ireland, and the Jesters (Doubles only). Our Festival of Squash will be on Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> and the preceding day will be an event at Colet's with squash games in the afternoon and dinner/disco/auction in the evening.

I am indebted to members of the committee for doing virtually all the work to make these events so successful. Without them little of note would happen and they have my sincere thanks.

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 Rik Boxer, seconded by Mike Halpin 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
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 2022.

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

**Anniversary Events.** Robert Smith advised of two events: Squash/dinner/dance 25<sup>th</sup> November at Colets and Festival of Squash 26<sup>th</sup> November at RAC Epsom.

#### **Closure of 60<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 15.45.

5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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

(Note: These minutes to be formally approved at the 61<sup>st</sup> AGM)