



Hampshire & IOW (including Guernsey) Squash & Racketball Association



Minutes of A.G.M. held on at Winchester Lawn Tennis and Squash Club 8th July 2010

Chris Wilson (CW)	Chair
David Law (DL)	County Secretary
Wayne Burns (WB)	Racketball
Jacqui Kinder (JK)	Minute Taker
Simon Walker (SW)	Juniors
Bash Kara (BK)	Coaching
Fraser Liversage (FS)	England Squash South East Area Manager
Devan Kandiah (DK)	Project Officer
Mark Millard (MM)	League Secretary

and representatives from following clubs:

Abshot, Alton Ladies, Alverstoke, Avenue, Nuffield Health (Portsmouth), Chichester, David Lloyd (Southampton), Fair Oak, Fawley Ladies, Five Rivers, Hamble, Havant, LA Fitness, Navy, Petersfield, Portsmouth Squash, Riverpark, Romsey S.C., Seacourt, Southampton University, Totton, Trojans, Winchester, Wykeham.

1. Apologies

Stuart Summers (SS)	Men's Captain
Tim Lane (TL)	Treasurer
Paddy May (PM)	Refereeing/Marking
Whitchurch	
Lee on Solent	

2. Minutes of last A.G.M. Meeting.

Agreed.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Chairman's Annual Report

Chris Wilson's full report had been circulated to all clubs. In summary he said that having served 3 years, he was now stepping down as chair. However he was pleased that Wayne Burns had stepped forward to fill the post. Wayne had been instrumental in developing racketball within the county and Chris had no doubt that

with his commitment and enthusiasm Wayne was the ideal person to fill the post. In conclusion, Chris gave special thanks to a number of people who had made an important contribution to Hampshire squash and made his life easier as Chair.

5. Treasurer's Report

Report and accounts prepared by Tim Lane were available for all present at AGM. Hants League entry fee outstanding at 2009 AGM had been collected (£1,160) together with an additional ESR rebate (£210). Result was that 2009-10 deficit had been reduced. With further savings made in the current year we now have a cash balance of £8,398, compared with £4,342 last year. There were no questions on the accounts.

6. County Secretary's Report

David Law's report had been circulated to all clubs prior to the AGM. The main points raised by the secretary were;

- Lack of women on committee – Volunteers requested.
- Captains /organisers required to organise the inter-county teams
- Vacant committee posts
- ESR membership requirement to enter the Hants leagues
- Hants Schools Federation Awards – nominations requested.

The secretary made special mention and thanks to Ronnie Bull and Monica Finlayson for their work in running the Junior Squash Leagues and organising the county closed.

7. League Secretary's Report.

Mark Millard's report had been circulated to all clubs prior to the AGM. The main points raised by Mark were;

- An overview of the season with Portsmouth Squash the men's champions, Lee-on-Solent the Ladies, and Trojans the Vets. Of particular note was the success of Trojans with the Mens 2, Vets 1 and Vets 3 all winning their respective divisions.
- A big thanks to Elvin Booth who once again ran the KO Cup competitions. Winning teams were Mens Div 2/3 – Trojans 3; Div 4 – Seacourt 1; Div 5 - Lee 4; Vets P/1 - Trojans 1; Div 2/3 – Lee 2; Ladies – Lee 1.
- No significant problems with LMS and the new fixture generating program had made things easier. The fixture list for 2010-11 would be published end of July.
- New score cards had been produced.
- In discussing next season Mark explained why there had been a restructuring of the Men's leagues and the reason for the reduced size of some divisions.

In the following discussion of the proposed league structure and divisions for 2010-11, Petersfield expressed their unhappiness with the proposals, in particular the position of Petersfield 1. MM suggested that they see him after the AGM. to discuss.

DL asked clubs to let MM know if they do not want to participate in the KO Cup.

8. Competitions

Stuart Summers had sent his apologies for absence but had submitted a written report. In summary; County Closed - Again successfully organised by Stuart. Will be held at Trojans this year and at Lee in their centenary year in 2011.

Inter-county championships – All final positions were previously circulated. In summary:

- Men's 1st team lost both weekends so go down to Division 2.
O35 were initially weaker but won both weekends so go up to Division 1.

O45 won promotion weekend so back into Division 1.

O55 won Div 1b promotion to Premier!!!

- No women's team!! Very few will commit to the County Closed or Inter-county weekends! We would love to get the women's team up and running again if someone is prepared to organise.

DL repeated the request for volunteers to come forward to organise the inter-county squads. Entries closed in one week's time and DL need organisers if he was going to enter teams.

9. Juniors

A report from Simon Walker had been circulated. Because no volunteer had come forward, Simon had reluctantly agreed to continue as junior organiser for a further year. Simon made the following points;

- Thanks to sponsor of Junior Closed t-shirts (Shane Pletts)
- A junior county open day at Winchester on 5 September

10. Racketball

A report had been circulated to all clubs. In summary;

- Squash league teams not subsidising Racketball leagues.
- LMS cannot cope with the Racketball League.
- League Winners: 2-player singles league – Wykeham; 3-Player mixed – David Lloyd Soton; 4-player mixed – Bounty.
- Recommendations were made for the future development of racketball in the county

11. Coaching

Bash Kara's report had been circulated to all clubs. In summary the report listed the following points;

- The aims of the Coaches Association
- Squash courses and qualifications available to coaches
- The coaches workshops run by Tim Vail to develop the skills of qualified coaches

In further discussion, BK mentioned the services provided by Mike Phillips the Hants Development coach, which could be utilised by clubs. John Clark of Abshot endorsed this.

12. Refereeing

Paddy May's report had been circulated to all clubs.

- Reduced budget meant that only Hybrid Courses were run.
- Funding available for further Hybrid courses but no interest shown.
- The provisional grade was only valid for one year. If no further assessment was made during the year, the status would be lost.
- ESR were promoting 3 courses; Referee workshop, Workshops for Juniors, Junior Academy courses.

13. ESR Area Manager

Fraser Liversage introduced himself and explained what services and help he could give to member clubs.

14. Amendments to Constitution (Annex A)

Section 4.4. Seconded and carried nem con

Section 5.6. Seconded and carried nem con

15. Proposed changes to League Rules (Annex B)

No proposals received

16. Other Notified Business

- **PAR Scoring.** We had PAR scoring to 11 in the Premier Division and also in the junior league. The committee were recommending that we introduce PAR scoring in the Championship with the objective of a gradual introduction throughout the divisions in subsequent years, as all the juniors coming into senior squash will have developed on PAR scoring. If necessary there is an option of PAR to 15. It is not being considered for vets squash. Varying views were put forward and it was suggested that it be put on the agenda for next years AGM.
- **Premier Division Home Night.** Mark Millard was proposing that the designated home night for teams in the Premier Division should be restricted to Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Clubs could make individual arrangement between themselves to play on other nights if they both agreed. The proposal was carried.

17. Election of Officers No proposals other than committee nominations had been received. In an amendment to the circulated list, Simon Walker had agreed to carry on as junior organise for a further year. All the committee nominations were elected unanimously.

DL pointed out that a Treasurer was urgently required to replace Tim Lane, and there were other vacant positions on the committee. DL was hoping that Penny English would also join the committee as a ladies league rep.

18. Presentation of trophies.

- To League team and Cup winners
- Tim Lane was presented with a Tankard for his work on the Committee (Presented to him by DL at a later date).
- Richard Atkinson thanked and presented with a tankard for his junior development work within Hampshire. Further tributes came from the floor of the meeting to endorse this presentation.