

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**



**MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2024**

**START TIME : 1900 Hours**

Apologies for absence : Annette Dickinson Flint; Mervyn Davies; Howard Jones; Max Lloyd; Laura Mather; Pete Morgans; Cyril Nolan [unwell], Gary Nolan; Kacper Pagorek; Guy Scott; Don Wallington.

Present : Mal Brown; Graham Jackson; Lee Picken; Lorna Rogers; Alex Whitehouse.

1. Chairman’s Report:: a. Congratulations to Chris Morris & Chris Wase on winning the England O50’s Racketball International Match in Glasgow 21st September. b. 10 out of 14 Sponsors have renewed their sponsorship boards. GSJ to issue reminders. c. Congratulations to all players, parents and everyone involved in running the successful Club Junior Closed Championships on 14th September and again on 21st September for the County Closed Junior Championships. Thanks to Will Slater for an excellent video record of the event.

2. Honorary Treasurer :: a. Laura Mather reported the income & expenditure account for September by email which included subscription Income and payments of Winter League Fees and the Club England Squash Affiliation fee. Unfortunately the Nayax transactions were slightly below average.

3. Membership Secretary ::

a. Invitations to renew membership have been issued. Lorna reported that the Membership Figure was 139 having deleted a few lapsed members; in addition, with Gary’s input, Lorna will “cull” totally inactive Juniors in order to make the list of Juniors as accurate as possible. b. All members are reminded to organise their England Squash affiliation before the end of the month.

1. Club Captain & County Rep :: a. Lee reported that the club is fielding 2 teams in Squash Divisions 1 & 2 and 3 in Division 3 including a mixed SS&RC and Schools Ladies team plus 4 Racketball teams In Division 1 and 2. Team Captains have been reminded that all team members playing in the Squash and Racketball Winter Leagues need to register their membership with England Squash in the "Just Play £15 category" [£25 if playing in ES Registered Competitions] b. The County Team Cup competitions will be held after the Winter Leagues have finished. c. The Club had won the Staffordshire Summer Leagues. d. The Club will be hosting the Squash Feeder evenings starting on 25th October. A Club Volunteer is needed to organise these evenings.

1. Competitions Organiser :: a. The Club hosted the County Closed Junior Championships on Saturday 21st September and the County Closed Senior Finals on Saturday 5th October. Entries for the County Senior finals was disappointing. b. Alex Whitehouse volunteered to organise the Competition next year.

*6. 1st Team Captain :: Alex Whitehouse. a. Alex Is looking forward to the playing schedule which had eliminated the unwelcome gap between matches.*

*7. Junior Section :: Gary Nolan. a. The Saturday morning sessions are going well. Gary will sort out a membership "cull" with Lorna .*

8. Internal Leagues :: Don Wallington. a. *Don has issued the Internal Leagues for October; going forward members will be expected to enter their match scores on the MyCourts System as previously advised. b. Movement up and down between both Squash & Racketball Leagues will be overseen by Don Wallington who's decision will be final. c. A volunteer is required to research the possible provision and Installation of a "tablet" to enable members to record their match scores and eventually replace the paper system.*

*9. Website :: Kacper Pagorek is to be invited to join an appropriate "What's App" group in order to access information about events etc for inclusion In the website.*

10. Future Events still to be arranged. a. Defibrillator training session outlining the link to a U Tube presentation is still to be issued.

11. “Housekeeping”:: a. A replacement Carpet Cleaner has been obtained. b. Team Captains and other players using the Kitchenette are to be reminded about washing up and clearing up after using the facility.

13. Maintenance :: a. All shower units in the Male Showers are now working. b. The gutter over the Entrance door has been cleaned out and the leak resolved. c. The Matting in the entrance hallway has been replaced by Bob Smith Carpets. d. The Roller catches on the door to Court 2 have been adjusted.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

 a. A feasibility study is required to ascertain the viability of re-arranging the kitchenette to include the possible installation of a double oven and/or a dishwasher.

**Date of next meeting. MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2024**

START TIME :: 1900 Hours.

**AN OBSERVATION.**

At the last AGM an attempt was made to identify "Deputies" or "Assistants" for various posts in order to lessen the burden on postholders. IT was not successful.

HOWEVER - we are now rapidly approaching a situation where we have far too few volunteers each doing too many individual jobs. The 'upside' of this is that the Club has become proactive in raising the profile of Squash and Racketball but the 'downside' is that it is an unsustainable situation and one which will require the Club to take some hard decisions involving what activities to cancel or no longer support.

The areas principally include, but not exclusively, What's App coordination; Administration and Communication with Team Captains; Monitoring team activity on Sporty HQ; Representation at County Meetings; specialist Junior Girls Coaching over and above normal Chris Flint Junior Club; Squash feeder programmes; England Squash Competitions; general maintenance etc.

Any help would be very much appreciated to secure the continuing health and wellbeing of the Club.