

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**



**MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2024**

**START TIME : 1900 Hours**

The frailty in the state of our Club Volunteers was cruelly exposed yesterday evening for a second time when an unprecedented number of our 19 Committee Members who were either ill or had engagements elsewhere or gave no apologies for non-attendance.

Accordingly, this "record of the meeting" merely includes emailed reports where available and informs the membership of arrangements and events etc which have been or will be organised on their behalf. Please take note !!!

Apologies were received from Mal Brown [in hospital]; Max Lloyd; Laura Mather; Pete Morgans [stuck in Burton];Cyril Nolan [unwell]; Gary Nolan [RB]; Lee Picken [unwell]; Don Wallington [RB] and Alex Whitehouse.

Present: Annette Dickinson-Flint; Graham Jackson; Howard Jones; Lorna Rogers.

1. **Chairman’s Report** a. GSJ gave a brief update on the medical matters of Mal Brown and Cyril Nolan. Best wishes were extended to both for a swift and improved recovery. b. GSJ to inform Salop Glass and W R Davies that their sponsorship has lapsed and that their boards and website listing will be removed. c. The request to relocate the Table Tennis Table to the Activity Space remains undecided until booking arrangements and costs are resolved. d. No-one has "volunteered" to organise a Christmas Social; **therefore one will not be held**. Instead, the Club will hold a New Year Social after the "Dry January" on 1st February 2025. Team Captains will be requested to sell tickets at £5 to cover Buffet Costs.

e. GSJ to invite Ben Schur and Lee Picken to establish the date when the Chris Flint ES Tournament could be held in March 2025. f. The Black Karakal Competition Racketball will be obtained and will be issued once the current stock of Dunlop Racketballs have been used up.

2. **Honorary Treasurer** a. Laura Mather reported the income & expenditure account by email which included some subscription Income. Nayax transactions were similar to the previous month. b. Both Current and Savings accounts were reported as being steady.

3. **Membership Secretary**

a. Lorna reported that the Membership Figure was 173, up from the previous month's figure of 162. All members who have not renewed their subscriptions have been having transferred to the Inactive list which means that they will not be able to book courts on the MyCourts system. b. Lorna provided a list of younger members who might be interested in considering adding to our small pool of volunteers; GSJ to contact members accordingly.

4. **Club Captain & County Rep** a. The Squash Feeder evenings on 25th October and 22nd November were cancelled due to lack of numbers attending. The next "Feeder" evening will be on Friday 24th January at the Castle Country Club.

**5. Competitions Organiser** a. The Club will host the final of the County Closed Racketball between Barry Talbot and Craig Chappell - date still to be arranged.

6. **1st Team Captain** a. Alex was disappointed to reported that the "A" Team has suffered from Injuries and players not being available and had been obliged to postpone two matches. Hopefully things will improve in the New Year.

7. **Junior Section** a. No report available but a discussion needs to be held about running a second Chris Flint ES Registered Tournament in March 2025. A working group would need to be formed to organise the event; **otherwise it will not happen.**

8. **Internal Leagues** a. Don has issued the Internal Leagues for December and reported that more squash matches had been played in November than October but that the number of Squash leagues has been reduced to 9 due to players not renewing their Club subscriptions; similarly the number of RB leagues has been reduced to 4 due to top players not wishing to play in the leagues because of their involvement In Regional Competitions.

9. **Website** a. Kacper Pagorek is still 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. Team Captains are reminded to clear the kitchenette after providing after match refreshments; food waste Is not to be left in the waste bins overnight and 'separated' from bottles and cans.

13. **Maintenance** a. The damp patch on the ceiling in the back RH corner of the Gallery is to be investigated. Recommendations are required for a Company to look at a possible leak in the asbestos roof above this point. b. It is recommended that the Club arranges for refurbishment and repairs to the Courts be carried out In July/August 2025. Members are requested to give their views on what matters require attention, or, in the absence of Courtcare, which Companies the Club should approach to quote for the work.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

a. It has been suggested that we conduct a "marketing exercise" to increase attendances at the various "classes" held in the Activity Space.

b. After a brief discussion about choosing which night might be more suitable for Committee Meetings, Friday evenings were discounted as were match days on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays or Saturdays and Sundays. Unfortunately, Monday remains the best option.

**Date of next meeting. MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2025**

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