

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**



**MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2025**

**START TIME : 1900 Hours**

Apologies were received from Mal Brown [unwell]; Howard Jones; Max Lloyd; Laura Mather; Pete Morgans [RB]; Cyril Nolan [unwell] and Alex Whitehouse.

Present: Annette Dickinson-Flint; Dylan Ingman; Graham Jackson; Gary Nolan; Lee Picken; Lorna Rogers; Don Wallington.

1. **Chairman’s Report** a. GSJ welcomed Dylan to the meeting and hoped that he wouldn't find it too daunting. b. 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. c. GSJ attended the funeral service for Ron Brown on behalf of the Club and Mal Brown. d. The Table Tennis Table has been relocated in the Activity Space. Members have been informed of the revised booking requirements for the Activity Space and, in particular, for Table Tennis. Bookings MUST be in the members name with "TT" added for recording purposes. e. The Junior Whiteboard is to be re-erected in the Corridor in place of the TT table.

2. **Honorary Treasurer** a. Laura reported on income & expenditure by text which included ground rent and oil supplies. b. Both Current and Savings accounts were reported as being steady. c. An assessment is to be made to reconcile the income and expenditure on the Club Social.

3. **Membership Secretary**

a. Lorna reported that the Membership Figure was 187, up from the previous month's figure of 175. b. Lorna advised that Committee and Club members should attempt to Interest new members in the Internal Leagues.

4. **Club Captain & County Rep** a. The County Ladies beat Merseyside 5-0 but lost 1-4 to a very strong Cheshire side.

b. The County Men sent a very young side to Worcester comprising Cameron Parry, Billy Schur, Jaydan Ingram, Fin Aimer and Max Ruffles; all played well beating North Wales but losing to Worcestershire and Cheshire.

c. The County Men Over 45 team are away on 1st & 2nd March. d. Lee advised that the Squash Division 1 & 2 winter league teams were short of players; this is not helped by a significant number of players opting to play in Racketball teams and the number of players playing in both Squash and Racketball is, understandably, diminishing. All members should encourage other members to play in the Internal Leagues to introduce them to competitive Squash and Racketball. e. Lee stated that at this early stage there are 12 entrants in the Chris Flint Open Junior Tournament and that he has emailed last year's 55 entrants and reminded everyone that **A working party and group of volunteers is essential to share the work and to ensure the success of the event.** f. Alex Whitehouse has volunteered to 'man' the raffle and that he would be pleased to receive items for the raffle. g. It was **AGREED** that entrants will be provided with a free raffle ticket, a competition Tee Shirt and that age group winners would receive a Certificate and an Amazon Voucher. h. Coaches: Lee advised the Committee that the Club is desperately short of qualified coaches and that only Andy Nelson, Elaine Radcliffe and himself have 'up to date' qualifications. Gavin Mathias is quite keen to do a level one qualification but England Squash have changed from the former solely on-line system making it more difficult to access a course.

["Note" - As ever, the Club would meet to cost of fees for people willing to train as coaches.].

**5. Competitions Organiser** a. Peter reported that final accounting for the Club Social was not yet to hand but that all present had really enjoyed the event, some staying on until after midnight,

6. **1st Team Captain** a. Alex 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 now improve.

7. **Junior Section** a. Gary reported that Junior Club had moved to Sunday morning when the Courts were booked for County Matches. This will be the pattern in the future to maintain the important continuity for Juniors. b. Gary has agreed to identify the most appropriate Juniors who would benefit from extra tuition supported by the Chris Flint Fund to recompense Coaches.

8. **Internal Leagues** a. Don was disappointed to report that number of squash and racketball matches had reduced again and, whilst recognising their commitment to Regional and National tournaments, spoke of Senior and established member's duty and obligation to set an example to encourage the newer members to play in the Internal Leagues.

9. **Website** a. Kacper is always available to add information about events to the website. Pictures and text about the Club Social would be appreciated.

10. **Future Events still to be arranged.** a. Gary offered to provide a link to a U Tube presentation on use of the Defibrilltor.

11. **“Housekeeping”** a. Team Captains, and members providing any form of refreshments, are requested not to leave left over food in the bins overnight but to put it in the Veolia Waste skip. **Unfortunately,** It is necessary to remind everyone to leave the Kitchen Area in a more acceptable state than that which has been happening recently.

b. All members are **instructed** that they are **NOT** to adjust the heating thermostat. This has happened on a number of occasions resulting in expensive energy being used wastefully overnight. c. The Club supply of entrance door access fobs is running out. It was **AGREED** that the door control would be reset to a new code number; this information would be shared with members from the end of February. d. Members are reminded, yet again, that Irrespective of any entrance door access, it remains **ESSENTIAL** to check in on the "MyCourts" system.

13. **Maintenance** a. Kynaston Contract Services are to be "re-invited" to investigate the apparent roof leak above the Gallery. b. Courtcraft have been appointed to carry out Court refurbishment works between 7th - 12th July 2025.

14. **AOB :** a. The meeting recorded it's deep appreciation to Pete, Ali, Dave, Gary and Gareth for making the Club Social such a success. b. Annette confirmed that she would supply teas and coffee for the Chris Flint Tournament. c. Don asked if we had considered replacing the solid door to Court 2 with a glass door. It had previously been discussed and agreed that some players much preferred the solid door as it is.

**Date of next meeting :: MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2025** Club is Affiliated to

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