

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**



**MONDAY 7th APRIL 2025**

**START TIME : 1900 Hours**

Apologies were received from Annette Dickinson-Flint; Max Lloyd; Laura Mather; Pete Morgans [RB] Cyril Nolan [unwell]; Don Wallington; Alex Whitehouse.

Present: Mal Brown; Graham Jackson; Howard Jones; Gary Nolan; Lee Picken; Lorna Rogers.

1. **Chairman’s Report** a. On behalf of the Ctte, GSJ was pleased to see Mal at the Meeting. b. Thanks to Russell Davies for repairing the roof leak and Howard Jones for repairing decorations. c. GSJ read out a Congratulations card from Annette thanking everyone for their part in the Chris Flint Junior Open Tournament. The Cups are at the Trophy Centre to be engraved; unfortunately the Trophy Centre will be closing at the end of July so a future source of "engraving" will be needed. d. Kevin Sandwith is currently unable to run Circuits & Boxfit sessions due to family and work commitments. However, the Crossbar Alternative Sessions will continue. GSJ to write reminding Crossbar Staff about avoiding marking the floor. e. The proposal to 're-site' the yellow car park bollards was agreed by the Rugby Club at the Squash Club's expense, this was **AGREED** unanimously by the Committee subject confirmation of reasonable cost. f. GSJ stated that nomination papers for posts at the AGM would be issued shortly.

2. **Honorary Treasurer** a. Laura reported on Current & Savings accounts by text; both accounts were reported as being steady despite a slight dip in light meter income for March. b. The Landlord has increased the ground rent by 3% to £946.44 per quarter. c. The balance sheet for the CF Tournament shows a deficit of £819 plus light meter fees but this will be almost eradicated by the England Squash remittance of £1017. d. Invoices are awaited for the replacement Court 2 light fitting; approval was given to include funds in the budget to [eventually] replace the software for the live streaming system. e. Laura recommended increasing cleaning wages in line with the National Minimum Wage of £12.21 per hour and increasing the hours per week to 9 to take in cleaning the Activity Space floor. This was **AGREED**.

3. **Membership Secretary** a. Lorna reported that the Membership Figure was 191, up from the previous month's figure of 189. It appears that "couples" are joining but prefer just to play one another.

4. **Club Captain & County Rep** a. The Club has an opportunity to showcase Squash at the Shrewsbury Lord Mayor's Fete on Monday 5th May [venue tbc] Volunteers are **desperately required** for a rota to staff the stand for an hour each. Names to Lee please.

b. The Club will be entering a Team in the Staffordshire Summer League on Wednesdays from 25th April; Fee £75; Captain Pete Morgans - let him know if you can play. c. Winter League RB & SQ finals night will be Friday 2nd May. d. Summer Leagues at the Schools will start on 26th June for 10 weeks; same format as last year.

g. The Club are still short of qualified Coaches, a situation which needs addressing.

**5. Competitions Organiser** a. Calendar and diary commitments mean that the Club Closed RB & SQ Championships will be held over two weekends in August without any "postponements" for "unavailability".

6. **1st Team Captain a. No report.**

7. **Junior Section** a. Gary reported that the most appropriate Juniors had been identified for extra tuition on Thursdays at 1900 hours; coaching and light fees would be reimbursed from the Chris Flint Fund. b. Gary will try to organise a Summer Camp; it was suggested that Fin Aimer be approached to help. c. It was **AGREED** that efforts should be made to appoint and pay visiting Coaches to provide Chris Flint Masterclass coaching. Gary to discuss and develop the idea with Courtney Downing.

8. **Internal Leagues** a. Don was on holiday; It is down to established members to set an example to encourage the newer members to play in the Internal Leagues. b. The question was asked about having an Internal league for Ladies Racketball to encourage newbies.

9. **Website** a. Kacper has added some photographs of recent events to the website. Any more pictures and text about events 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 Defibrillator.

11. **“Housekeeping”** a. Lee advised that Carpets and fabric chairs needed an extra clean to remove some staining. **AGREED.**

13. **Maintenance**

a. Court refurbishment programmed between 7th-12th July 2025.

14. **AOB :**

**None.**

**Date of next meeting :: MONDAY 5th MAY 2025**

**Start Time 1900 hours in the Activity Space.**

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 4th June 2025**

**Start time 1830 hours**

More volunteers would make less work for each individual