

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**



**MONDAY 5th MAY 2025**

**START TIME : 1900 Hours**

Apologies were received from Mal Brown; Annette Dickinson-Flint; Laura Mather; Pete Morgans; Cyril Nolan; Alex Whitehouse.

Present: Graham Jackson; Howard Jones; Max Lloyd; Gary Nolan; Lee Picken; Lorna Rogers; Don Wallington.

1. **Chairman’s Report** a. GSJ gave a brief update on current medical conditions of Mal Brown and Cyril Nolan. b. To date no nominations have been received for Committee Posts; thanks to Max Lloyd and Laura Mather for volunteering to continue in post. c. Inter Club winter leagues and finals night was held on 2nd May. Congratulations to Shrewsbury SRC “E” and Captain Conor Tuite for winning Division 3 Squash League and Div 3 Knock out Cup. Also to Shrewsbury “A” for winning the Div 1 RB League and Shrewsbury “C” for winning the Div 1 RB Cup. New Cups are to be obtained and engraved for Castle Country Club who won the Div 2 RB League and Cup. d. Inter Club Summer Leagues will start at the Schools on 26th June for 10weeks with slightly fewer teams; same format as last year.

2. **Honorary Treasurer** [Email report received by text and added into the meeting minutes for everyone’s information] a. Laura reported that April had been an expensive month. Outgoings included quarterly ground rent of £946.44; Annual Insurance £2,216; Court 2 Light repairs £630 and oil £495 plus normal cleaning and broadband costs Income had been received from ES for the CF Tournament of £998 Current & Savings accounts were reported as being steady despite a £300 dip in light meter income to £1400 for March. b. Shropshire Council has advised the Club that they will “discontinue” the time honoured traditional granting of the 25% discretionary rate relief. This will cost the Club approximately £1000 per annum – the equivalent of a £6.80 levy per full member. c. [The treasurer will “appeal” but it will probably be like ‘water off a duck’s back’].

3. **Membership Secretary** a. Lorna reported that the Membership Figure was 191 – no change from the previous month.

4. **Club Captain & County Rep** a. Several Club members will be playing in the Wolverhampton Graded Tournament on 10th May. b. The Club will be entering a Team in the Staffordshire Summer League on Wednesdays from 28th May; Fee £75; Captain Pete Morgans - let him know if you can play. c. The Club will be hosting the “End of Season” meeting on Thursday 22nd May. We hope to contribute to the discussion about the upcoming Winter League matches, in particular the appropriate use of “Squash Levels” for the selection of team players. Any comments to Lee please. d. Summer Leagues at the Schools will start on 26th June for 10 weeks; same format as last year.

e. 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 probably be held over two weekends in August without any "postponements" for "unavailability". b. It has been suggested that Alex Whitehouse will organise the County Closed Championships – possibly in September 2025.

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. Gary will provide information to Laura about transferring coaching and lighting expenses. b. Gary will try to organise a Summer Camp; it was suggested that Fin Aimer be approached to help. In addition, he would attempt to organise a friendly/social with Wolverhampton Juniors. 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 that there are 9 Squash and 4 Racketball Internal Leagues members are again asked to actively encourage more members to play in the leagues. b. Further discussion is needed about creating a special ‘feeder’ Internal league for Ladies Racketball and Squash to encourage newbies.

9. **Website** a. Members need to provide Kacper with more photographs and texts for the website. Any more pictures and text about events would be appreciated.

10. **Future Events still to be arranged.** a. See Club Captain’s report, item c.

b. See Junior Report, item b. c. Gary still to provide a link to a U Tube presentation on use of the Defibrillator.

11. **“Housekeeping”** a. No report

13. **Maintenance**

a. Thanks to Lee for the extra clean to Carpets and fabric chairs and for solving the water leak behind the panelling in the Ladies WC.

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

14. **AOB :**

a. Proposals are urgently needed to promote greater use of the Activity Space. b. Discuss use of external benching with the Rugby Club. c. Future information about the forthcoming extensive re-configuration of the Rugby Club Executive Committee and any impact upon “communication” will be reported after their AGM on 2nd June 2025

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 4th June 2025**

**Start time 1830 hours**

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

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