

Wiltshire Squash Rackets Association
Minutes of the AGM - Thursday 3rd May 2012
Venue: The Wellington Arms, Marlborough, 7:30pm

Present	Mike Stannard	(Chairman)
	Howard Wilson	(Secretary/Minutes)
	Neil Marshman	(Summer League Secretary)
	Dean Watkins	(Member)
	Paul Faulkner	(Junior Coordinator)
	Mike Hyland	(Member)
	Peter Goldson	(Member)

Club Representatives	Richard Elsdon	Trowbridge
	Wayne Edwards	Devizes
	Mike Harding	Devizes

Apologies	Robert Dalboth	
	Brian Brock	(Member)
	Derek Bray	(Winter League Secretary)
	Clive Morgan	(Treasurer)
	Richard Holdway	(Marking/Ref. Rep)

Handouts	Treasurer's Report	Clive Morgan
	Accounts for 2009/10	Clive Morgan

The Chairman reported that the late apology from Derek Bray was a result of his twins being born earlier in the day. The meeting sends its congratulations to Derek and family.

Following introductions and apologies, Mike Stannard led the meeting with the following agenda.

1. Previous AGM Minutes

Acceptance of the previous minutes was proposed by MH and seconded by DW.

2. Presentation/Adoption of accounts

In the absence of CM, HW distributed copies of the Treasurers Report and accounts (see separate document). MS proposed a vote of thanks for CM's work on the county's finances. Adoption of the accounts proposed by DW and seconded by MH. PF had an invoice for CM relating to Dax Mellor's coaching qualification. Payment of this was agreed by the meeting.

3. Election of the Management Committee

RH sent notification of his wish to relinquish the post of Marking/Refereeing Representative. MS proposed PG for the post and this was seconded by NM and agreed by the meeting. MS will check with DB about whether he will continue as Winter League Secretary and suggested that DB write a job description' so that candidates might be aware of exactly what is required.

NM has returned to the post of Summer League Secretary due to DW's work commitments. It was suggested that a Registrations Secretary and Publicity Secretary are now required.

MS agreed to take on the Publicity role but with no other volunteers the Registrations position remains open. To be discussed by the Committee.

4. Annual Reports

i. Junior Branch

PF reported that there are now 45 kids attending the County workshops although he would like to see more coming from the Trowbridge area and there is an on-going problem getting kids from private schools involved. There was an excellent workshop taken by Chris Vine (ES Level 4) with Simon White also on attendance. Dax Mellor has now taken over as juniors co-ordinator.

The first season in the South West leagues was good experience but there are some issues with distances.

There will be three county tournaments this year with the most recent one, run by DM and BB at the Oasis, having to be limited to 65 entrants. The other two tournaments will be held in July and September. A more centralised tournament to cover Wilts/Glos etc. is planned for 2013.

MS thanked PF, DM and BB for all their hard work and excellent achievements.

ii. Summary of League Activity

a. Winter League

MS (for DB) reported that numbers were down again this season but the spirit remains good in the teams that are playing. The scheduling of cup matches within the season worked well and MS suggested that the end of season play-offs could also be pre-scheduled. Although a communication about behaviour was sent out to all captains at the start of the season there were still occurrences and some of these involved younger players. It appears that the problems tend to come under one of two headings, common decency and knowledge of the rules. Another reminder will be sent out at the start of next season indicating we are prepared to take serious action including the possibility of team point deductions.

b. Summer League

This season's tournament is still in progress but MH asked why team weren't playing home and away fixtures. NM replied that this was down to the entry numbers and that more games would take us into peak holiday period with larger squads needed and this would be difficult for many teams.

iii. Summary of Tournaments

a. Mens Senior Closed (Nightingale)

- Winner Jason Pike from Paul Clark, Super Plate -Steve Wakefield, Plate -Pat Carty
- 33 Entries

b. Mens O35 Closed (Marlborough)

- Winner Nigel Rowe from Julian Beckett, Plate Tom oatley
- 17 Entries

c. Mens O45 Closed (Wessex)

- Winner John peirce from Mike Stannard, Plate John Spanton
- 10 Entries

d. Doubles Closed (Wessex)

- This has not been played since last year's AGM in September.
- Organiser: Howard Wilson

MH pointed out that all the tournaments are really enjoyable and we need to spread the word to encourage higher entry numbers.

iv. **Summary of Inter-County Activity**

- a. **Mens Senior - Paul Clark**
 - Stage 1 – Division 1D - (1) Kent(lost0-5), (2) Avon(lost2-3), (3) Wiltshire, (4) Middlesex (won 3-2)
 - Stage 2 – Unknown
- b. **Mens O35 - Nigel Rowe**
 - Stage 1 – Division 1D - (1) Hampshire(Lost 0-5), (2) Avon (Lost0-5), (3) Devon (Lost 4-1), (4) Wiltshire
 - Stage 2 – Division 1B - (1) Glos (Lost0-5), (2) Devon (Lost 4-1), (3) Wilts
- c. **Mens O45 - John Peirce**
 - Stage 1 – Division 2B - (1) Glos (Lost 2-3), (2) Wiltshire, (3) Somerset (Won 4-1)
 - Stage 2 – Division 2B(Promotion) - (1) Glos(Lost 5-0), (2) Herefordshire (Lost 2-3), (3) Wiltshire, (4) Somerset (Won 3-2)
- d. **Mens O50 - Clive Morgan**
 - Stage 1 - Premier B (1) Avon (Lost 0-5), (2) Wiltshire, (3) Cornwall (Won 3-2)
 - Finals – Premier (National Finals) (1) Middlesex (Lost 0-5), (2) Avon (3) Norfolk (Lost0-5), (4) Wiltshire
 - *** Congratulations to CM and his team on being the first Wiltshire side to reach the National Finals! An excellent achievement!

v. **Proposals for next season**

i. **Tournaments**

- a. **Seniors Closed**
 - 18/19/20 Jan. 2013
 - Dean Watkins/BrianBrock to Organise
 - Venue: South Marston
- b. **O35 Closed**
 - 2/3 Mar. 2013
 - Mike Hyland to Organise
 - Venue: Wessex
- c. **O45 Closed**
 - 20/21 Apr. 2013
 - Dean Watkins to organise
 - Venue: Marlborough
- d. **Doubles Closed**
 - 16/17 Sept 2012
 - Organiser Howard Wilson
 - Venue: Wessex

ii. **Inter-County Teams**

. **Mens Senior**

- Captain: Paul Clark
- Stage 1 10/11 Nov 2012 and Stage 2 - 16/17 Mar 2013 - Div 2D (Cornwall/Dorset)
- a. **O35**
 - Captain: Nigel Rowe(Pat Carty)
 - Stage 1 - 20/21 Oct 2012 and Stage 2 - 26/27 Jan 2013 - Div 2B (Bucks/Norfolk)
- b. **O45**
 - Captain: John Peirce

- Stage 1 - 24/25 Nov 2012 and Stage 2 - 23/24 Mar 2013 - Div 2C (Cornwall/Somerset/Sussex)

c. **O50**

- Captain: Clive Morgan
- Stage 1 - 3/4 Nov 2012 and Stage 2 - 12/13 Jan 2013 - Premier B (Avon/Kent/Middlesex)

vi. **ESR Fees**

PG gave an update from the most recent Council Meeting where the proposed changes were put on hold. MS presented a proposal on how we deal with our issues in Wiltshire but after some discussion, and the lack of guidance from ESR, it was decided to leave any decision to the next committee meeting.

vii. **A.O.B.**

- . DB is to be consulted over the entry situation for next season's Winter League. It was decided that we should stick with the same set up in 2012/13 but going forward we need to issue a questionnaire to the clubs about the way in which we can increase numbers in the league.
- a. DW reported that CM had recently won the Welsh Masters and it was noted two other Wiltshire players have recently represented their countries – Pat Carty for Ireland and Harry Barnard for Wales.
- b. NM raised the issue of costs for Refereeing/Marking courses but it was decided to refer this to the next committee meeting.