



# WARWICKSHIRE

## *Squash Rackets Association*

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### Minutes of the AGM held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015

**Present:-** Nigel Orrett, Chris Barker, Maxine Holt, Leonie Holt, Mo Sarwar, Steve Hubbard, Jon Summers, Mark Cook, Jon Tate, Rob Wakelin, Steve Elliott, Matt Hawkins, Mike Edwards, Chris Owen, S. Jones, Roger More, A. Hill, Mark O'Sullivan, Roger Higgins, Rachel Woolford, Richard Duff, Rob Dickenson, Alf Beckett, Dean Davies, Sue Underwood, Rie Brentnall, Satwinder Kumar, Rob Saffery, Eddie W. (Rugby)+ 2others from King's Heath.

**Apologies:** Non received.

There were no representatives from:- Etone, Hampton, Springfield, Warwick Boat or Warwick University.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

#### **1. Minutes of the last AGM.**

There were no matters arising. Dean Davies proposed and Steve Elliott seconded that they were a correct.

#### **2. Chairman's Report.**

Nigel Orrett thanked the committee and clubs for all their hard work. Steve Anderson (Junior Chairman) and Simon Nuttall (Secretary) have resigned due to heavy work commitments. Mo Sarwar is liaising with the junior committee and Steve to appoint a new Junior Chairman.

The new website is under construction and will go live on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. An enormous amount of work has gone into this project. Any constructive criticism or suggestions are welcome. The next committee meeting is to be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Agenda will be on the website. Please e-mail Nigel or Maxine Holt with any suggestions, info or AOB.

With regard to the leagues it is hoped that all matches are played on the given dates. We know how difficult it is to run teams but late cancellations are to be avoided due to court and food costs. Urgent problems should be directed to Steve Hubbard.

England Squash have set up a regional forum of five counties with one representative joining a central administrative forum. The aims are to increase junior participation, talent development and senior participation. They also propose to find a new name for racketball.

Last year a number of clubs were helped financially to improve participation rates or facilities. Money is still available so if clubs have any ideas or projects please apply to either Nigel or Chris Barker.

Finally, Nigel wished everyone a great season.

#### **3. Ladies' Teams.**

Leonie Holt reported that the Senior team achieved promotion to the premier division and the Over 40's team captained by Alison Insley stay in the 1st division.



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### **4. Men's Teams.**

#### Squash

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| Over 60's  | Captain – Roger More                 | promoted to Premier division |
| Over 55's  | Captain – Mo Sarwar                  | remain in Premier division   |
| Over 50's  | Captain – Tim Osgerby                | stay in Division 1           |
| Over45's   | Captains – Mo Sarwar and Jon Summers | relegated to Division 1      |
| Over35's   | Captain – Nigel Stephens             | remain in Division1          |
| Senior Men | Captain – James Bowden               | stay in Division 1           |

#### Racketball

|             |                           |                            |
|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Over 40's   | Captain – Jon Summers     | remain in Premier Division |
| Senior Team | Captain – Andy Warmington | stay in Division 1         |

Mo reported that as a county we have some very good players and if our best players were fit and available we would do extremely well in all categories. He thanked the Captains for doing a very difficult job.

Nigel thanked Mo for all his efforts.

### **5 .Treasurer's Report.**

Chris Barker said that this was the first time he had had to report an excess of expenditure. The committee has actively encouraged Warwickshire clubs to apply for grant monies to develop their facilities on the basis that, within reason, up to 50% of project costs could be provided. Many clubs have made use of this opportunity, hence the excess expenditure.

Income is up by £1400 and expenditure has increased by £6100.

Our reserve fund of £25k remains intact so we are still able to support club initiatives, so please ask.

Dean Davies asked if a minimum reserve was required by the regulations, Chris replied that no reserve fund is specified. Jon Tate asked if students at Birmingham University could access funds for coaching courses. Mo replied that if non Warwickshire residents volunteered within Warwickshire then they could be given financial help to undertake the relevant courses.

Accounts – proposed: Steve Elliott. Seconded: Dean Davies.

### **6. Election of Officers.**

The present committee were all put forward for re-election.

Proposed – Roger More.

Seconded – Roger Higgins.

### **7. League Secretary's Report.**

Steve Hubbard reported that a new league manager system was currently being installed. Home Team Captains will need to input results with the opposition validating them .Instructions will be sent to all team captains. New players will be added by Steve as soon as possible and it will still be possible to write notes whilst inputting results. Matches will commence in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October.



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The league committee of Steve Hubbard, Rachel Woolford, Roger More, Nigel Stephens, Tim Cave and Jon Summers have clarified the rules and these will be e-mailed to team captains and put on the website. One change has been proposed- to change the number of days that teams can include a new player from 41 days to 28 days from the date of the last match. This was passed.

### **8. Presentation of Trophies.**

#### Summer 2014

Racketball: Division 2 – Burntwood  
Division 1 – Ardencote.

Squash: Division 4 – Sutton 3

Division 3 – Leamington 3

Division 2 – Sutton 1

Division 1 – Leamington 1

#### Winter 2014/2015

Racketball: Division 2 – Stourbridge

Division 1 – Ardencote

Ladies: Division 2 – Kenilworth 2

Division 1 – Kenilworth 1

Men: Division 6 – Warwick Boat

Division 5 – Warwick University

Division 4 – Leamington 3

Division 3 – Solihull Arden 2

Division 2 – Solihull Arden 1

Division 1 – Sutton

### **9. 200 Club**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sutton 4 – £50

2<sup>nd</sup> Solihull Arden 2 – £100

1<sup>st</sup> Rugby – £200

### **10. AOB**

- i. The squash county closed will be held at Solihull Arden in January 2016 and the Racketball County Closed will be held at Sutton Coldfield.
- ii. Dean Davies proposed a vote of thanks for the committee.