

Minutes – Squash AGM 3 March 2022

Squash Committee members present Robert McKill (RM), Joy Hunt (JH), Diane Weaver (DW), Adrian Anderson (AA), Elliot Summerhayes (ES), Tom Motherday (TM).
Also present was Don Brearton (Club Treasurer) and Nigel Kleinfeld (Club Chairman)

- Meeting was opened by DW (Squash Section Chair)
- Apologies for absence – Several members sent their apologies
- Treasurer's End of Year Report
RM (Squash Section Treasurer) presented his end of year report (copy available to members upon request)

Questions were then asked with regard to the overall management of the Club and its structure

- What is the relationship structure between the Club and each section?

There was tension between sections but no formal relationship structure existed.

- What is the agreement between sections and the Club regarding funding?

No formal agreement existed as we are one Club and funds were deducted from section accounts as required

- What is the Club's policy regarding cash reserve?

The cash reserve was currently held in a bank account, each section had been asked for plans but currently there was nothing in front of the Management Committee.

The Club Treasurer stated that in his opinion a substantial amount should be held back as reserve for emergencies, such as replacing the roof.

- What is the Treasurer's management policy?

It was admitted that there was no Treasurer's management policy in place, The Club Chairman stated that all such policies had been put on hold due to Covid-19.

All present agreed that a reserves policy should be put in place before the individual sections were allowed to make use of the funds. This was then tabled to be added to the Club AGM agenda (which had already been issued) and all present were asked to vote on the motion that this should be sent by the Squash Committee as a formal request to the Senior Officers. The vote was carried unanimously.

- What is the strategic plan for the Club as a whole (not the individual sections plans).

No overall plan currently exists, the Senior Officers would look to put something in place during the coming year.

These questions were all fielded by the Club Chairman and the Club Treasurer.

- Section End of Year Report
JH (Squash Section Secretary) presented the section end of year report (copy available to members upon request)

Thanks were expressed to Kester Bearne for his efforts in setting up and running the internal Squash League.

- Squash Committee

The current committee agreed to continue in their current roles; an invitation was issued to anyone who wanted to join the Squash Committee. It was also agreed that DW, AA, JH and ES would continue to represent the Squash section on the Club Management Committee.

It was suggested that both Management Committee members and Squash Committee members should have their names, photos and an e-mail address published within the Club and on the Club's website.

- Members Open Letter

TM read out a letter (copy available to members upon request) from some of the Squash Team members and others giving their views on the current Club Management and their belief that the Club as a whole needs an overarching plan.

Those present agreed that the letter should be forwarded to the Senior Officers to enable them to make a formal response and present to the Club Management Committee.

At this point the question was asked as to why the squash courts cost £6 per hour, while the tennis courts were free. RM answered that this was to ensure that we could keep the courts maintained at their current high standard.

- Support for representation for Social members

JH advised it was her understanding that Social members were going to ask for some form of representation on the Management Committee and proposed that if they did the Squash Section should support them in this.

A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- Continued publication of Squash Section minutes on the Club website

Those present were asked to vote on the proposal that the Squash Section minutes should continue to be published on the Club website. This was carried unanimously.

- Future Development of Squash

RM advised that he had been looking at the possibility of increasing the number of courts, this was now at the stage where he would need to talk to an architect and other professionals to gain an idea of feasibility and costs.

- Any Other Business

- Marking of Squash Court Floors

Agreed that members need to be reminded that only non-marking shoes should be worn on the squash courts and new signs should be arranged for the doors.

- Club maintenance

Lack of preventive maintenance and prompt repair of club facilities was brought up and those present suggested that a maintenance committee should be set up to deal with these issues.

- Blockage of the drainage gully

The urgent need for the drainage gully running alongside the squash courts was addressed – ES agreed to form a working party and get it cleared ASAP.

Meeting ended.