

Gerrards Cross Squash Club

Minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting

held on 5th June 1995 at the Memorial Centre

Present: K Hewison (Chairman) and 14 members

1) Apologies for Absence :

Apologies for absence were received from P Crown, P Hogan and W Baker.

2) Minutes of the 1994 AGM :

The minutes of the 1994 AGM were adopted as a true record. There were no matters arising.

3) Chairman's Report :

Looking back over the past season (my first as Club Chairman) I am pleased to report that the Committee have continued to direct their energies at ensuring the continuation of enjoyable squash in well maintained premises at a highly competitive membership fee. I do not feel any of you will be able to dispute that your committee have ably achieved these objectives.

I would especially like to thank Andrew Royal for his efforts as well as strong decision making in ensuring the smooth running of the leagues and Anita and Richard Crosbie for giving up so much of their time in organising and controlling two successful and enjoyable Handicap Tournaments. These tournaments are an opportunity to mix socially with other club members as well as providing the chance for us lower league players to cause an upset by beating the higher ranked players - thanks inevitably to some occasional generous handicapping! Lon may these tournaments continue.

Peter Crown is standing down this year from his position as House Controller after some 5 years. We are all extremely grateful for his efforts during this period and I am sure you would like to join with me in showing your appreciation.

As you will be well aware, building work has now commenced on the new Hall and social facilities for the Memorial Centre. And your committee have been consulted fully on the plans and indeed have, following review, caused some modifications to ensure our own security. Over the coming months there will inevitably be some disruption but I am assured continued access will be maintained throughout the building works. It is probable that in due course, for a limited period, we will only be able to gain access via the path adjacent to the tennis courts but adequate lighting will be installed to ensure members' safety in the darker evenings. I hope you will accept the small inconvenience in support of the Memorial Centre's venture.

It only remains for me to thank all members of the Committee for their commitment to their own tasks which has made my role so easy and to wish members continued enjoyable and successful squash.

4) **Treasurer's Report :**

The audited accounts for the year ending in September 1994 were presented by the Treasurer (attached).

The computerised accounts have been converted to the software package **Quicken** which will enable future treasurers to pick up the reins with a minimum of effort. It was suggested that the Club purchase its own copy of this software which costs around £30 - this suggestion was accepted after a vote.

The accounts show a surplus of income over expenditure. Subscription income was up on the previous year though court bookings were down. The cost of maintenance for the year had been exceptionally low with no major projects undertaken.

Cash reserves remain healthy and a modest increase in subscription charges was advised whilst maintaining the current court fees.

5) **Appointment of Club Auditor :**

The accounts of Messrs Nunn, Brown and Dales were accepted unanimously.

The auditors were thanked for their efforts and were proposed for reappointment by S Jaggard, seconded by N Lees and passed by a majority vote.

6) **Membership Report :**

The Secretary reported that the membership is slightly down on that reported at the previous AGM with reductions in most categories. Recruitment had been achieved through notices in libraries and local shops and through involvement in events at the Memorial Centre.

The current figures for membership are as follows :

	1994-95	1993-94	1992-93	1991-92
Adult	108	110	111	117
Family	20	24	30	26
Under-25	8	9	6	2
Junior/Student	12	18	20	23
Corporate	15	23	7	n/a
Non-playing	4	6	4	3
Life member	5	5	5	5

Corporate membership is still popular and is a possible target for growth. The following

organisations are currently involved :
Trebor Bassett
B P Collins
Services Sound and Vision

The courts were hired by St Mary's School for the tuition of pupils.

7) House Secretary's Report :

The general fabric of the Club was considered to be in good condition with only minor maintenance having been required during the previous year. It is proposed that Courtline would treat the front walls of the courts during the regular annual maintenance in August. This treatment involves applying a coat to the existing plasterwork and is much cheaper than replastering. N Hallchurch urged that references be sought from other clubs or the SRA before proceeding.

8) Captain's Report :

Nick Hallchurch reported that the first team had finished 4th in the winter league despite the loss of the top two players. The second team were relegated from the 3rd to 4th South division.

9) Junior Secretary's Report :

David Colwill reported that the attendance at the junior coaching sessions had continued to fall slightly with the loss being mainly from the older end of the group. As a result, the two Sunday afternoon sessions have been consolidated into a single session with an age group ranging from 8 to 14 years and with an attendance level averaging about 6 players from a pool of 10. The arrangements for next year will probably be on the same basis. DC is hoping for additional voluntary coaching support.

10) Subscriptions :

Following a debate about the club's finances and subscription levels N Lees proposed that the fees be raised to £50 for adult membership, £75 for family membership and that corporate membership should be raised to £15 to bring it into line with the adult joining fee. The proposal was seconded by T Coke and passed by a majority vote.

11) Election of Club Officers :

The following Officers and Committee members were elected:

Chairman:	Ken Hewison
Secretary:	David Sledge
Treasurer:	Nick Lees
Club Captain:	Nick Hallchurch
Ladies Representative:	Anita Crosbie
House Member:	David Evans

League Secretary: Andrew Royal
Junior Secretary: David Colwill
Elected Member: Pam Hogan

12) Any Other Business :

- ◆ The Committee proposed a motion to adopt Gordon Arbib and Sandy Chalmers as honorary life members of the club. Gordon was a founder member of the club, he had been forced to stop playing through injury but had been a long term stalwart of the 1st and 2nd teams. He had served on the Committee for many years until finally resigning as Chairman in 1994. Sandy was also a longstanding 1st team and Committee member who resigned as Secretary in 1994 when he moved away from the area. He had also been influential in the development of junior squash within the club. After a discussion, it was decided to include Derek Sutherland in the list of honorary life members for his longstanding terms in the teams and on the Committee. The motion was proposed by Andrew Royal and seconded by Stuart Jaggard.
- ◆ The level of attendance for the AGM was discussed and a quorum level set at 12. It was suggested that refreshments be made available at future meetings to encourage attendance.
- ◆ Stuart Jaggard suggested that an annual cleaning of the club house be undertaken to refresh the areas that the cleaner doesn't reach. The matter to be taken up by the Committee.
- ◆ Dave Rose raised the question of the footpath leading to the club whilst the building work at the Memorial Centre was being carried out. The footpath is uneven and potentially dangerous in wet weather. The Committee would pursue the matter.
- ◆ David Colwill raised the issue of the booking sheets with regard to peeled stamps and unplayed courts. It was agreed to current practice of 'striking through' the stamps for the coming week with a highlighter. A notice would be put on the board to explain this system.
- ◆ David Sledge announced that the Memorial Centre had approached the Club for assistance with the up-coming Summer Fair and called for volunteers.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:12 pm.

Hon Secretary