

**Gerrards Cross Squash Club**  
**Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting**  
**held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

Present: David Sledge (Chairman), Anita Crosbie, Richard Crosbie, Rory Fisher, Rakesh Gulati, Nick Hallchurch, Ainsley Kemps, Mike Lawson, John Mayfield, Adrian Radulescu, Colin Ward

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Paul Adams, Maria Branton, David Colwill, Ian Dodwell, Diane Parsons, Vince Paul, Neil Turner

**2. Minutes of the 2010 AGM and matters arising**

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were accepted as a true record following minor changes.

- It was noted that the replacement of the windows in the club was still outstanding

**3. Chairman's report**

The Chairman reported that club had had a good year overall. The work on the court heating had relieved the problems of the previous year and the membership continued to run at a reasonable level. There had been an interruption to the broadband service for a period of about six weeks but this was now resolved.

He thanked the committee for all their hard work over the year.

**4. Treasurer's report**

**AK** provided a copy of the accounts for the year to 30 September 2010 and reported that income had remained stable over that period. Outgoings were generally low especially on electricity although since that period there was an extended time when the lights were on all day due to the breakdown of the broadband connection.

AH reported that interest rates were low.

The accounts were proposed by **AK** and seconded by **NH**.

**5. Appointment of club auditors**

The honorary accountants were thanked for their efforts and were proposed for reappointment by **AK**, seconded by **JM** and passed by a majority vote.

**6. Membership report**

**JM** reported that the membership remains at a healthy level and expects to match the final numbers from the previous year. Membership figures are: adults – 101; families – 18; juniors – 2; U25 – 11; corporate – 3 companies with 21 members; life – 11.

- The club is taking advantage of a nationwide promotion by Lucozade whereby courts are made available to potential new members looking to try a new sport.
- **JM** is arranging to make the courts available to Gayhurst School from 16:45 to 17:30 on Mondays or Thursdays.

- **DS** reported that the Club would be holding an Open Day to coincide with one planned by the Memorial Centre on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June.
- **DS** reported that he had received an email from Derek Sutherland, an honorary life member with whom the club had lost contact.
- **DS** announced the sad death of John Upton, a long-standing member of the Club. John was an ex-County player with Warwickshire.
- **NH** reported on the sad death of Gordon Arbib, a long-standing member, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain and previous Chairman of the Club.

## 7. House secretary's report

- **RC** reported that several lighting tubes were missing from court 1 and that the fittings were broken and needed replacing. It was felt that the fittings on both courts should be replaced.
- The seat in the mens' loo has been fixed.
- Quote to be found for windows and exterior cladding
- An inspection of the roof is due
- The bench in the mens' changing room needs attention
- The electrical riser should be secured from prying eyes and fingers
- Some comments were made regarding the cleaning in the club house and it was reported that visiting teams had also mentioned this. It was reported that the Club was looking to engage a new cleaner. (Action: **RC/AC**)

## 8. Captain's report

- The 1<sup>st</sup> team finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 9 clubs in Division 1. This is an excellent result for a very small squad and ensures top level squash for a 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive season.
- The Vintage team struggled in the Middlesex League Division 2 without their strongest players and finished bottom of the league.

## 9. Subscriptions and court fees

**AK** and **JM** proposed that subscription rates should remain at the same level for the coming year. The Committee would consider the option of a rise in court fees over in the near future. This proposal was accepted by unanimous vote.

## 10. Election of club officers

**RC**, **RF** and **RG** stood down from the Committee as per the regulations of the club but were re-elected with no other candidates coming forward.

Chairman:	David Sledge
Membership secretary:	John Mayfield
Treasurer:	Ainsley Kemps
Secretary:	Maria Branton
Club captain:	Rory Fisher
House member:	Richard Crosbie
League secretary:	David Sledge
Junior organiser:	Rakesh Gulati
Club tournaments:	Nick Hallchurch
Ladies' representative:	Anita Crosbie

Vince Paul will be standing down as he is due to emigrate to Australia. **AK** reported that he

would need to notify the Chairman in writing and that **DS** would then need to register the change at Companies House. (Action: **VP/DS**)

**AC** and **DS** will continue to represent the Club on the GX Community Council.

#### 11. **AOB**

- **AR** raised a question regarding lockers for keeping valuables safe. **RC** to investigate small wall-mounted lockers. (Action: **RC**)
- **NH** suggested that the Committee should endeavour to encourage some new members to get involved and indicated that he was considering stepping down at the next AGM.

The meeting closed at 10:00 pm

David Sledge  
Chairman