

Gerrards Cross Squash Club

Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting

held on 10th June 2004 at the Memorial Centre

Present: D Colwill (Chairman) C Redmond (Treasurer)
 N Hallchurch D Sledge A May R Gulati J Pope
 M Ballard

Quorum

The attendance fell short of that required for a quorum (10). Under advice it was decided to hold the meeting and have the minutes ratified at the next committee meeting which the general membership would be invited to attend.

1) Apologies for Absence :

Apologies for absence were received from J Kaeda

2) Minutes of the 2003 AGM :

The minutes of the 2003 AGM were adopted as a true record of the meeting.

3) Chairman's Report :

The Chairman's address noted the sad loss of ex-Chairman Ken Hewison, a much-loved figure in the club. Ken had served for many years on the Committee and was Chairman for 5 years before standing down in 2000. Ken had been dedicated to all aspects of the club and having won the Summer Handicap in 1992, the Committee was considering re-naming that competition in his honour.

David observed that the courts remain in very good condition and that the subscription and court fees must rank among the lowest in the county.

Grateful thanks were expressed to Jennie Milward the outgoing Club Secretary who, having held the post for 4 years, was moving out of the area. Jaspal Kaeda will be filling her position.

The Committee were thanked for their work in maintaining the Club and its facilities and for continuing to come up with new ideas to keep things moving although it was noted that the last social event (the dinner/dance at the Memorial Centre) had to be cancelled due to a sad lack of support.

4) Treasurer's Report :

The audited accounts for the year to October 2003 were presented by the Treasurer (attached). CR reported that the accounts had recently been audited by Nunn Hayward. This year's accounts show a decreased income from subscription fees with the income from the light meters rising. Whilst the accounts show an overall deficit for the year due to the increased maintenance costs relating to work on the changing rooms, the Club's overall financial position remains relatively healthy with reserves being held against the possibility of major re-furbishment being

required on the 30 year old club house.

5) Appointment of Club Auditors :

The accounts of Messrs Nunn Hayward were accepted unanimously.

The Honorary Accountants were thanked for their efforts and were proposed for reappointment by N Hallchurch, seconded by R Gulati and passed by a majority vote.

6) Membership Report :

There was no Secretary present for the meeting but an e-mail from the retiring Secretary showed the following:

	2003-04	2002-03	2001-02
Adult	119	124	128
Family	30 (96)	28 (66)	26 (72)
Under-25	3	8	4
Junior	14	20	9
Student	6	3	7
Corporate	4 (26)	8 (56)	10 (62)
Life member	9	9	9

During the year, 19 new adult members and 10 families had joined.

It was noted that Corporate membership had dropped considerably within the last year and the incoming Secretary would be asked to pursue this.

7) House Secretary's Report :

There was no House representative present but it was noted that:

- The exterior of the Club House was looking somewhat dilapidated to the extent that the Memorial Centre administration have commented.
- Following change of contract, there was still some concern at the level of cleanliness.
- A water leak has damaged the ceiling above the Gents' showers.
- The door closures were missing from both courts
- One of the fans had been unoperational for some time.
- Several of the court lights had been out of operation for an extended period.

8) Captain's Report :

The Club Captain, Rory Fisher, was not present and so no report was available on the performance of the senior teams but it was noted that all of the Club tournaments were now up to date.

9) Junior Secretary's Report :

Albert May reported that in its 3rd year of operation the Junior section numbered 15 active players with 5 or more casual players also taking part. Significant points to note:

- The Junior Team were 1 of only 3 in the league to play all 12 of their matches
- The team was promoted to Division 1 after their 2nd year in the league

- Considering running a 2nd team for the coming season
- 3 boys had represented the county and 1 girl was expected to do so shortly
- 1 parent had attained Level 1 coaching standard and another was looking to do so
- Rakesh Gulati to take over management aspects of the Junior section leaving AM focus on coaching
- Looking to break even over coming season

10) Subscriptions :

Considering the club's finances and subscription levels in isolation, the committee would have recommended that membership and court booking fees remain at their current levels depending on how Memorial Centre subscriptions changed. However, correspondence received this week from England Squash indicated that all clubs would be expected to levy £5 per member in order to retain their affiliation to the national and county governing bodies. This levy had initially been proposed several years ago but the committee had been able to avoid imposing it. The committee will seek to clarify the position but if this levy could no longer be avoided, it was proposed that subscription fees should be raised by £5 to cover this charge.

The proposal was made by N Hallchurch and seconded by A May and passed by a majority vote.

11) Election of Club Officers :

The Chairman reported that there had been no new nominations for positions on the committee. The changes of Secretary and Junior Secretary were noted and the committee for the coming year was confirmed as

Chairman:	David Colwill
Secretary:	Jaspal Kaeda
Treasurer:	Christine Redmond
Club Captain:	Rory Fisher
Ladies Representative:	Anita Crosbie
House Member:	Vincent Paul/ Richard Crosbie
League Secretary:	David Sledge
Junior Secretary:	Rakesh Gulati
Social Secretary:	Maria Branton
Elected Members:	Chris Hockin Nick Hallchurch

12) Any Other Business :

- Interest was expressed in the Vintage Team, Don Williams was identified as the current organiser.
- AM reported that he had been invited to stand as Chairman of the Bucks SRA and inquired whether the Club had any issues with the organisation – none reported.
- Following the disappointing turnout, greater publicising of the AGM was proposed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:22 pm.

D Sledge

Hon Secretary (one night only)