

Gerrards Cross Squash Club
Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting
held on Wednesday 25th April 2012

Present: David Sledge (Chairman), Anita Crosbie, Richard Crosbie, Rakesh Gulati, Nick Hallchurch, Ainsley Kemps, Adrian Radulescu, Beverly Tapner, David Tapner

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Maria Branton, John Mayfield

2. Minutes of the 2011 AGM and matters arising

The minutes of the 2011 AGM were accepted as a true record following minor changes.

- The bullet point under Membership reporting the sad death of Gordon Arbib was amended to record his contribution as a long-standing member and 1st Team Captain.
- It was reported that a decision not to provide lockers had been taken at a Directors' Meeting following the 2011 AGM.

3. Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that club had had another good year overall. There had been several pieces of work carried out on the club house including replacement of the windows and the exterior cladding which meant the fabric of the building was in good order. The 1st team had retained their position in the top league of the County Leagues though there was a possibility that the Vintage team would not continue next season.

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 2011. The accounts reflect a balanced year where income held up in spite of the recession and costs were broadly in line with income. Expenses benefited by a full rebate on our business rates and for next year a significant reduction in insurance fees.

It was noted that £2000 of the surplus for this year arises from the write back of contingency on roof repairs which is no longer considered necessary as the club has sufficient reserves which should cover most anticipated contingencies.

There was discussion around the topic of the Buckinghamshire SRA and England SRA affiliation and the benefits to the club and members in contrast to the cost of affiliation. It was agreed to ascertain what benefits there are although in the interim it was agreed to continue to subscribe for these organisations.

A copy of the club accounts is available on request.

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 **RC**, seconded by **AC** and passed by a majority vote.

6. Membership report

JM reported that the membership for the current year remains at a healthy level and has matched the numbers at the same stage during the previous year.

- The club took advantage of a nationwide promotion by Lucozade during the summer of 2011 whereby courts are made available to potential new members looking to try a new sport which gleaned a single enquiry.
- Courts were made available to Gayhurst School from 16:45 to 17:30 on Monday evenings from October to March. This was successful and the school are likely to request a similar arrangement next season. After a brief discussion, it was felt that the club should target local schools to raise awareness of the club and its facilities. **JM**
- **RG** reported that he had received a grant of £250 from the Council for organising the Juniors.
- **RG** had entered some juniors in a Bucks County Tournament with some success.

7. House secretary's report

- **RC** reported that the windows and the exterior cladding had been replaced during the rear.
- Following a report of a burning smell on court 1, boards had been installed under the court heaters.
- An inspection of the roof is had been carried out with no requirement for any work to be carried out.
- Some decoration of the hallway had been carried out following work on the doors to the courts.
- The bench in the men's' changing room has been re-fixed to the wall.
- Locks have been obtained to secure the electrical riser from prying eyes and fingers. These require fitting. **RC**
- A new cleaning company had been engaged with very positive results.
- The front wall on court 1 has been patched up following the appearance of a hole in the plaster and a 2nd hole has since appeared. The whole wall is to be stripped back the brickwork and re-surfaced under the terms of the guarantee.
- The court walls will be washed during the summer.
- Minor works will be carried out to improve the appearance of the hallway and on the balcony:
 - Replacement carpets to be laid
 - New furniture to be sourced
 - New noticeboard for hallway
 - Notice panels for court doors and main entrance

8. Captain's report

- The 1st team finished 5th out of 8 clubs in Division 1. This is an excellent result for a very small squad and ensures top level squash for a 4th consecutive season.
- The Vintage team struggled in the Middlesex League Division 2 and finished bottom of the league. There is a strong possibility that the Club will not put out a Vintage team next season unless a larger squad can be found with someone keen to organise it.
- **RG** reported that he intends to run a Junior team next season.

- **DS** reported that John Hatch (coach) had offered to sponsor shirts for the teams next season.

9. Subscriptions and court fees

- It was proposed that subscription rates and court fees should remain at the same level for the coming year. This proposal was accepted following a majority vote.
- **AK** reported that the Club would be moving to automate the PayPal payment system for the purchase of booking credit. This would mean that the PayPal credit was automatically applied to members' accounts.
 - Setting this mechanism up has and will incur additional cost to the club.
 - Service charges for these payments would be passed on to members at cost. We are currently incurring costs of at around 5% using the existing PayPal mechanism.
 - Charges at a similar rate would also be made for credit purchase by cheque when this mechanism is implemented.

10. Election of club officers

NH, **AK** and **AC** 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

NH signalled his intention to sit on the Board for one final year.

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

11. AOB

- **AR** raised a question regarding the stationary bike that had appeared on the balcony and was now broken. He was given the go ahead to source a replacement.
- **AR** raised a question regarding the re-instigation of Club Nights. **AK** to organise a monthly trial for a couple of months. **AK**
- **NH** nominated **DS** as an honorary member of the club and this motion was accepted after a vote.

The meeting closed at 10:08 pm

David Sledge
Chairman