



KNUTSFORD SQUASH CLUB

AGM – AGENDA ITEMS

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Knutsford Squash Club Annual General Meeting

WEDNESDAY MAY 22nd 2019

19:30 – START

At KNUTSFORD SPORTS CLUB

AGENDA

PRESENT

1. Apologies – apologies received from Raymond Dragonetti, Graham Hunter, Mike Walton, Graham Woods, alan Rendell, Nigel Uttley, Neil Loftus
2. Members present – Mike Sharman(MS), Tony Hindley(TH), John Evans(JE), Greg Marshall(GM), John Burke(JB), Pete Cueppens(PC), Dave Kelly(DK), Dave O'Brien(DB), John Ward(JW), Ian Hopkins(IH), Graham Hunter(GH), Bill Jackson(BJ), Tim Slater(TS), Andrew Keeble(AK)

MINUTES

1. Matters arising from those Minutes :
Outcome : There were no matters arising from last year's minutes
2. To approve and sign the Minutes of the last meeting AGM (May 2018)
Outcome : Last year's minutes were taken as signed off and approved

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

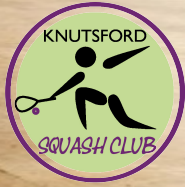
1. To elect members to the committee:

Committee position	Current occupant	New occupancy	Proposed	Seconded
Chairperson	Tony Hindley	Tony Hindley		
Treasurer	John Evans	John Evans		
Club Secretary	Mike Sharman	Mike Sharman		
Junior team captain	Graham Woods	Graham Woods		
Sponsorship		Raymond Dragonetti		
Membership secretary	Raymond Dragonetti	Pete Cueppens		

Outcome : Each of the committee roles and elected members were approved by the meeting en-masse

2. To elect members to undertake Roles and Responsibilities within the Squash club:

Responsibility	Current occupant	New occupancy	Proposed	Seconded
Facilities	Stephen Wright	Stephen Wright/Dave Kelly	TH	PC
Club Development		Dave Kelly	MS	TH
Internal Competitions	John Ward	John Ward	BJ	TH
External competitions		Mike Sharman	DK	PC
Web page Editor	Raymond Dragonetti	Raymond Dragonetti		
Fundraising		Vacant		
Media co-ordination	Andy Dalton	Tim Slater	BJ	MS
Coaching	Graham Woods	Graham Woods	MS	TH
Social Secretary		Vacant		



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Outcome : each role was discussed at length focussing on the responsibilities and accountabilities within that role.

The 'club development' responsibilities were broken out from the facilities role and Dave Kelly volunteered to take on the role

The two key roles of 'fundraiser' and 'social secretary' were not occupied during the meeting and it was agreed that an email will be sent to the whole membership in order to try and encourage people to step forward – Action RD to email the club membership

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Available via the web site and available at AGM

1. To provide a statement of activities undertaken in 2018/2019
2. To provide a statement of proposals for 2019/2020
3. To provide an update on Sports club matters and the Squash club's position relative to these.
4. Court Usage

Outcome : TH outline the key points from his annual report and stated that the full report was available on the club website and encouraged all members to review and provide feedback back to either TH or MS

The key salient points were around future membership fees, the glass backs and the recruitment of AP members that had swelled the membership

The conversation then turned to the NW Counties position for the 2019/2020 season and the number of teams we would enter and into which league. TH has previously entered 1 team in Div 2, 2 teams in Div 3, and 4 teams in Div 4, however, during the meeting it was strongly felt that we needed an 8th team in Div 5 and TH will review this and re-submit. The current assumption is that we will utilise 1 court at Radbroke Hall and Wilmslow leisure centre in order to accommodate this many teams

We are also intending to enter a team into the ladies NWCSL league (playing on Monday nights)

TEAMS REPORT – Individual team captains

Outcome : Each team captain present at the meeting reflected and presented how their teams performed during the season, a summary follows for each team

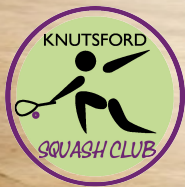
Knutsford 1st team – cap Graham Woods

After our 3 youngsters, James, Tom & George, won us promotion to Division 2, they promptly deserted us for Bristol University, leaving the "old guard" to take on the challenge of the higher league. The ageing squad, apart from young Charles, struggled with the physicality of the league and played superbly well to gain demotion - having played 24, lost 24, and only a mere 323 points behind the league winners.

A gallant effort from a squad, playing at a level of skill & physicality above their ability, but always turned up with a smile on their faces to represent Knutsford

Knutsford 2nd team – cap Tim Slater





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Knutsford's 2nds were in Div 4 South West. There were 13 teams in the division. After the first few matches it was clear we weren't going to be in the battle for promotion. Early on, Crewe Vagrants 5 were forced to withdraw, which meant that we needed to finish above position 12 to avoid relegation.

After lots of trips around Chester, we finished 10th - over 100 points behind the leaders, but safely avoiding relegation.

Knutsford 3rd team – cap Mike Walton

Mike Walton took the mantle of 3rd team captain. Objective: Promotion. As ever, team selection was a problem as it is quite difficult to select the best team due to non-availability across the club. But, with one defeat in each half the team managed to finish first and enter the play-offs, losing narrowly to Woolston 3 in the end of season finale at the national squash centre. As you can imagine, when winning a league, all players returned good statistics – most notably Ian Hopkins, John Ward, Dave O'Brien, John Ward and Tony Hindley who, in the regular season played a high number of matches and only lost one each. Two performance stand out really – Ian beating Bader Khan – never easy – and Mike Walton losing to a 13 year old at Crewe. It was a great season, I think we had good team spirit with all players contributing to that by providing support from the balcony and staying for food – two things that are critical to the overall experience – thank you all

Knutsford 4th team – cap Matt Roberts

The 4th team competed in Central South 5 for the first time. Having spent the last 2 seasons travelling to Formby and Liverpool being more central and picking up South Manchester and Cheshire was definitely preferred by all.

We competed well all season remaining in the top 2 throughout and secured promotion finishing in 2nd place behind the Northern 7. We played 20 won 16 lost 4.

As is usual on the 4th team selection each week is a challenge with availability and injuries and I rely on the flexibility of the team players and close coordination with the 3rd team to ensure that we always get a team out. 18 different players were used in total.

We'll need to up our game next season and I hope with all our new friends from AP joining we do that. I hope that this 4th team (or call it 5th or 6th team) get the opportunity to play in Central South 4 next season. One or two new additions playing up the order would make us very competitive next season

And finally

And finally, a word about the food which was of a high standard with plenty of variation throughout the year, our thanks go to Christian Hindley for that

- **TREASURERS REPORT (JE)**

Outcome : JE gave a summary of the financial position of the club and referred members to the club website where a full report can be reviewed

- **MEMBERS REPORT**

Outcome : TH gave an update on the members position within the club

- **FACILITIES REPORT**

Outcome : Stephen Wright wasn't present at the meeting, therefore, MS presented his report, which focussed on,

Glass backs

the installation of the glass backing to the courts, which is covered elsewhere in the meeting, the maintenance of the courts and building has been:-

Building Leaks

Rainwater leaks on to the centre of the No 2 Court and in the entrance to the squash courts from the entrance hall were repaired, costing £594.00. During heavy rain, which was being driven against the west wall by very strong winds, rainwater was still leaking in at the squash court entrance and also a new leak was found in the men's changing room. The builder's quote has been received and the Main Club is organising and paying for further repairs.

The squash building roof has been inspected and is not in good condition being the original



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covering. The builder has quoted £16,340.00 to replace it.

Water Cooler

Our contractor for the water cooler maintenance has sold out to the WCD Group and a contract has been signed with them for the same service and price.

Plastic cups are being used at an un-ecologically high rate and the committee proposes to not supply them anymore except on match nights.

- **COMPETITION REPORT**

Outcome : this was discussed during the meeting with key points focussing on the internal competitions ran through-out the year

- **2018/19 SUBSCRIPTIONS – RD to provide an update on membership and categories**

- .1 The Sports club has not amended their Membership fees for 2019/20
- .2 Proposal - To adopt the committee's recommendation to have a nil increase in the subs for 2019/20
- .3 Not to adopt any further Sports Club categories

The latest membership categories and prices can be found on the club website

- **AOB**

1. Merger of Alderley Park into Knutsford Squash club – open discussion held
Outcome : t was noted that a number of AP members were present at the AGM and it was stressed how welcome they were to join, DK reciprocated this by outling the vote that the AP members recently held which was to join Knutsford as full members rather than continuing to play as AP under the umbrella of Knutsford
2. Conversation the number of teams to be entered into NWCSL and which region/league is most convenient
Outcome : documented above under the 'chairmans report'
3. Sponsorship
Outcome : to reflect the importance f this role the role was moved to be part of the club committee
4. Pre payment of 6 weeks courses for coaching
Outcome: it was agreed that this would be further discussed at the next committee meeting
5. JW raised a point regarding the internal leagues and whether it was acceptable to drop people from the leagues if they haven't played any of their games regularly, this is primarily due to giving others who are on a waiting list to join more of a chance to join the leagues.
Outcome : the meeting endorsed this and approved JW suggestion and to enforce the club rule accordingly
6. JW also raised a point of playing all league games to 11 rather than 15 as this would be enforced in the NWCSL leagues during next year
Outcome : the meeting endorsed this suggestion
7. Discussion also took place around the club representative into the NWCSL leagues for the forthcoming winter season.
Outcome : It was agreed that MS would take this role

Meeting finished circa 21:45