Minutes - WBC Squash and Racketball Section AGM 12/11/2025 @ 7:00pm via MS Teams and In-person

Present	**Apologies**
Paul Docherty	Jonathan Partridge
Kathy Leahy	Jessamy Linford
Kate Pittel	James Alty
Mike Hornsby	Paul Jennings
Andy Campbell	
Jonathan Peak	
Ray McGuire	
Lloyd Lewis (remote)	
Gary Murphy (remote)	
Graeme Mascall (remote)	
Derek Broad	
Clive Hart	
Mike Jones	
Lai Tsang	
Jagdish Bains (remote)	
Kirk Alexander	
Gary Sharpe	
Richard Saysall	
Alan Price	
Chris Price	

1) Minutes of AGM held 23/10/ 2024 were agreed by all present.

2) Matters arising: The minutes were confirmed as accurate at the date of the meeting, updates on actions are noted below:

   - There are now some indentations on the front wall which need repairing. **Action: Mike - completed**
   - During this year, members had also requested
   - A doubles league. Update: no progress made on this; however concern had been expressed re court capacity. **Action: Paul to discuss Mark Weller**
   - Varying the length of time of the courts to allow for those players playing longer games. Consideration to be given to change timings of court start times and length. Update: Andy discussed with people who had raised this but was no longer a priority**. Action closed.**
   - James agreed to sponsor the ladies team for shirts. **Action: JP to progress ordering of shirts.**

3) The year end accounts as set out below show a profit for the year of £218. This compares to a loss in the previous year of £4379. The main movement between the two years was the lower affiliation fees (now charged individually) and much lower repairs and maintenance costs (due to absent flooding repairs). Paul reported that a five-year capital plan has been developed, and it identifies that significant maintenance/upgrade is needed to the squash courts. Although part of the insurance from the flood in 2024 relates to repairing of the squash club, however historically

capital expenditure funding has been held centrally to support the greatest priorities agreed by the General Committee and therefore it cannot be expected that these funds will be automatically available to the squash section.

Accounts Year Ended 31.03.2025	
Squash	
Income	£
Facilities Hire	9078
Kit &Equipment Sales	83
Total Income	**9161**
Expenditure	
Affiliation fees	150
Court System booking costs	576
Electricity	2652
Equipment purchases	68
Social Event costs	574
Maintenance & Repair	995
Match fees and food/catering	3137
National Tournament entries	402
Other (Squash TV, trophies etc)	389
Total Expenditure	**8943**
Net Profit	**218**

4) Election of Committee: The following positions were voted through by those present.

- Captain — Paul Docherty
- Secretary — Kathy Leahy
- Treasurer — Vacancy
- Men's Team Captain — Jonathan Peak
- Ladies' Team Captain — Jessamy Linford

- Social Secretary — Kate Pittel
- Squash League Organisers — Andy Campbell
- Racketball League Organiser — Jonathan Partridge
- Competitions Organiser — Vacancy
- Facilities — Mike Hornsby

Additional role confirmed:
- Safeguarding — Mark Weller

5) Annual section report: PD's Captain's Report was previously circulated – copy attached for reference

6) AOB
   - A discussion was held relating to resolutions that have been put forward to the Club AGM. It was reported that one of the resolutions, which relates to how funds are allocated/managed by each sport section – this particular resolution is not supported by the General Committee or the Directors of the club. For this resolution to be passed 50% of eligible voting members need to agree.
   - The Padel options to be considered, previously circulated, which is broadly known as the court 9/10 option and the padel barn option. The meeting considered the implications of each scheme.
   - A request was put forward to lower the tin of the court to 'competition' height – ie 19" to 17". This was agreed.
   - Recognition and thanks were given to Paul for all of the hard work and time put into supporting the management and direction of the squash section.

Squash Report - April 2024 to March 2025

I'm pleased to report on another successful and enjoyable year of squash and racketball at WBC. This had seemed unlikely on the 3rd of January 2024 – at which point the squash court building was surrounded by over a metre of flood water - but thanks to the quick action of section members we managed to avoid the worst case and get both courts back in action within weeks. Thanks again to those who helped save our courts.

As usual, there was great participation in much loved timetable of competitions and social events during 24/25. This kicked off with our Spring competition which saw more than 60% of the section taking part in one of the singles, doubles and plate and handicap tournaments. As usual this competition concluded in some epic finals on April 27th – a very busy night for the bar. Our team-based Autumn Competition was also hugely successful with Team McGuire clinching the win against Team Campbell. On the heals of the Autumn Competition was our fun, fast and furious Christmas competition Elves vs. Die Hard in which the Elves took the cup by a single game. Ending 24/25 was our annual post winter season Captain's Grand Prix, which features a frantic rolling competition that sees over 20 team players playing 30 timed games on 2 courts in 3 hours followed by a celebration of the season's achievements.

This year, there was much to celebrate with the Men's 1st team securing back to back promotions (moving up to Warwickshire League Division 2 in the summer League and Division 4 in the Winter League). As usual, WBC punched above its weight entering 3 men's teams and 2 women's teams in the Warwickshire league. This was partly down to the continued success developing Junior squash

players, with 5 of our Juniors consistently playing for the men's league teams as well as taking part in interclub junior tournaments and representing Warwickshire county. WBC also hosted in November the second WBC Breakthrough tournament – a Copper level junior tournament that attracted over 40 junior players from across the county. Coaching also continued to go from strength to strength – with participation in Saturday coaching growing by 25%.

Other notable events in the year included a second squash trip to Lake Bled in Slovenia which saw a dozen WBC squash players enjoy an action packed tour that included gorge walking, Padel, cable car riding, tobogganing, paddle boarding, swimming, cycling, rowing - and of course, squash! 2024 also saw the introduction of a new individual England squash membership model which provides individual players with important benefits including public liability and personal accident insurance. Finally, the squash section added some new training tools including a Hurricane Ball Feeder for solo and group training.

All in all, another great year for the WBC squash and racketball section. Looking forward, I know many Squash players are excited about the potential introduction of permanent Padel facilities to the club and as a committee are working on a business plan to leverage, at a point in the future, the existing permission WBC has to develop a third squash court and gym. Finally, if any WBC member wants to try, or knows somebody who wants to try, two of the greatest racket sports ever invented, then please do contact me on squash@warwickboatclub.co.uk.

Thanks,

Paul Docherty, Squash Captain