



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BRYMBO S&SC

12 May 2014

- **Members in attendance:**
Mark Davies, Jim Tunley, Kevin Jones, Darren Lee, Dave Thomas, Rob Evans, Gareth Williams and Mike Thomas.
 - **Apologies received from:**
Mannon Goddard, Hannah Davies, Geraint Jones, Mike Povey, and Laurie Jones.
1. **Note of the AGM held on 13 May 2013**
The notes were confirmed as a correct record.
 2. **Matters Arising**
 - (1) Racketball – following an offer from Wales Squash & Racketball (WSRB) to host an evening at the Club; this was still to be arranged.
 - (2) Drive down to the Club – a long-term solution was being considered by the Sports Complex.
 - (3) Daytime League – designed to encourage greater play during the day, this has not been taken up.
 - (4) Circuits – Hannah would be asked to look into this again as part of a pre-season build up.
 - (5) Handicap tournament – the meeting considered the importance of this type of competition to encourage all abilities.
 - (6) Glyndwr University – the current partnership with Glyndwr was barely scratching the surface of the huge potential this could hold for the Club.
 3. **Chairman's Report**

Mark presented his report which again identified many positives from the past year, both on and off court, with the following elements highlighted:

Membership: this increased with new members joining throughout the year. The Club has over 120 members with many joining the internal leagues; however, we will need to maintain the steady increase to match our aspirations (see later).

Courts have become more difficult to book but that's a sign of a thriving club. One big concern, however, is the increased times that players are booking courts in advance and either cancelling them at very short notice or simply failing to turn up and not cancelling at all - this deprives the Club of valuable income and other members the opportunity to play.

The **On-line Court Booking System** and our **Club Website** continue to be important elements for existing and prospective members. The **internal leagues** remain well supported and are posted both on the website and the Club's noticeboard – our continued thanks to Mike Thomas as the league administrator.

Third Court: plans have been prepared for the provision of an additional Court; this would be a glass backed court with seating behind – great for coaching and to view some of the quality matches played by some of our team members. A third court would

also enable us to stage external tournaments like the old Wrexham Open, a regular feature in the squash calendar during the days of Sports Connection.

We are currently awaiting estimates of likely building costs for us to submit to Sport Wales as part of our grant application (should all the facts and figures add up !).

Junior Coaching Programme: this continues strong both internally and through the Wrexham Schools Squash Programme. One disappointment though is the lack of squash our juniors are playing outside their coaching sessions. To encourage more play a **Juniors League** has been established within the Club, however, this has still not achieved the desired results as we had hoped.

Exceptions to this are those players from the Club who have been selected for the various squad sessions i.e. the Area Performance Centre, the Academy & Talent ID squads – they have all shown improvement through playing more squash.

Thanks to all the Club's coaches for their time and commitment - without this valuable help and support, the coaching programme is not sustainable.

Teams: Once again our First Team, in the **NWCSL** Division 2 West, are champions again, for the second successive year. This is a fine achievement by all of the players who participated.

The First Division is beckoning again but no decision has been taken yet on whether to take the promotion. Meanwhile our Second Team were unlucky to miss the playoffs but there's always next season!

In the **North Wales League** there were contrasting fortunes for our First and Second Teams. The Second Team have won promotion to Division One, whereas our First Team just managed to avoid relegation - courtesy of their 3-2 loss to our Second Team in the very last game of the season.

Two of our juniors **Jack Hayes** and **Aled Goddard** made excellent contributions throughout the season for the Second Team.

Many thanks to the Team Captains: Rob Evans, Geraint Jones, Mike Povey & Dave Thomas for their help during the season. A teams meeting will be held shortly as there are a number of issues to discuss.

Notable Achievements

Hannah Davies – winning two out of three matches in the recent senior European Championships in Italy helping ensure the Wales Ladies Team stay in the top division and finishing overall 5th place - the highest position a Welsh team has ever achieved.

Also, in finishing third overall at the 2014 British University Championships held in Nottingham.

Jack Hayes playing for the Under 19 boys North Wales team in the Inter Counties matches and making his debut for the First Team in the NWCSL.

Nia Johnson continuing to be selected for the Under 13 girls North Wales Inter Counties side.

John Ashton and **Mark Davies** on being selected for Wales in the 2014 Home Internationals - in the Over 40 and Over 55 age categories. Readers can decide who was in which category !

In conclusion, Mark thanked members for their continued support and hoped that by the next AGM we may have our new glass backed court up and running.

4. Finance Report

Kevin Jones presented the Treasurer's report advising the meeting that at 30 April 2013 the Club's balance stood at £10,083.96. This excluded the funds retained on Deposit but included funds that were ring-fenced to either specific junior or coaching expenditure.

Members received an audited set of accounts and the Treasurer provided a summary of the various elements. Balances were described as healthy, though there was need to maintain a steady base level for identified future maintenance as well as providing the necessary blocks for a potential third court.

The meeting received a recommendation from the Club's Committee that Member Subscriptions for 2014-2015 be raised slightly for the three categories, as follows:

Senior - £70
Junior / Student - £35
Family - £100.

The Committee also recommended that the court light fees should be held at current levels i.e. £3.00 per 45 minute.

It was agreed:

(1) With effect from 1 June 2014, subscriptions for the ensuing year will be:
Senior - £70;
Junior / Student (in full time education) - £35 or £55 for 2 children from same family;
Family (2 adults and children) - £100.

[Subscriptions are due for payment by no later than 30 June 2014]

(2) The cost to purchase a court light card will be maintained at £3.00 for a 45 minute session.

5. Club Constitution

No amendments to the Constitution had been submitted.

6. Election of Officers of the Club for 2014-2015

The following were elected:

Chairman	-	Mark Davies
Secretary	-	Jim Tunley
Treasurer	-	Kevin Jones
Assistant Treasurer	-	Mannon Goddard
Team Representative	-	Rob Evans
Ordinary Members	-	Geraint Jones and Darren Lee

7. **Consideration of Honorary Membership**

In acknowledging the work of our Assistant Treasurer, it was agreed **Mannon Goddard** be made an Honorary Member for the ensuing year.

8. **Open Forum**

[1] Third Court – members were invited to view plans that had been revised following a visit to Shrewsbury Squash Club. These were received very positively and it was hoped to make progress soon with planning and funding issues.

[2] Toilets – there were some issues around the state of the Mens toilet area and particularly the impression this may have for visiting teams. **AGREED** – to discuss further with Gareth Lloyd.

[3] Teams Meeting – a meeting for all who are interested in representing the Club next year will be organised as soon as possible, though some of the issues will be dependent on moves from the NWCSL and how they plan to reorganise the First Division.

[4] 2014 Club Championship – the finals are to be held on **Saturday, 28 June**. Publicity will soon be available via the website and Noticeboard for all members to get involved.

[5] Cricket Section – our cleaning bill comes in at over £600 per year and, apart from on one occasion, there has been no contribution from the Cricket Club. **AGREED** – we should attempt again to seek some support from the Cricket Club.