



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BRYMBO S&SC

11 May 2015

- **Members in attendance:**

Mark Davies, Jim Tunley, Kevin Jones, Darren Lee, Geraint Jones, Rob Evans, Kevin Lloyd, Julie Lloyd, Tom Trueman, Paul Holland, Paul Murphy, Mike Povey, Jon Davies, Simon Koscinski, Ricky Williams, Andy Morris and Alun Lucy

- **Apologies received from:**

Mannon Goddard, Andy Offless, Gareth Williams, John Ashton, John Williams, Jonny Blake, Mike Thomas and Laurie Jones.

1. **Note of the AGM held on 12 May 2014**

These were confirmed as a correct record.

2. **Matters Arising**

- (1) Racketball – a racketball evening, supported by Wales Squash & Racketball (WSRB) had been arranged but subsequently cancelled due a lack of support.
- (2) Handicap tournament – the meeting considered the importance of this type of competition and agreed it should be looked at again.
- (3) Glyndwr University – from our partnership with Glyndwr, a new Level 1 Coach had offered their support to the Junior Coaching Programme and this would provide impetus to the Schools Programme.

3. **Chairman's Report**

Mark presented his report and again this identified many positives from the past year, with the following elements highlighted:

**Membership:** we continue to attract new members joining the Club with many joining the internal leagues; it is a trend that we will need to maintain if we are to achieve a third court.

As last year, there is still an issue around **cancelled courts**. Courts are difficult to book at the core time (between 4.45 and 7.45) but this is not helped when 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.

**Club's rental agreement:** in recent weeks, we have been in negotiation with the Complex Directors over a review of our agreement – this was the first revision since the Club was formed in 2007. These would be concluded prior to the new year (on 1<sup>st</sup> June).

**Junior Coaching Programme:** this remains strong each Monday evening and we hope to compliment this again through the Wrexham Schools Squash Programme. A continuing frustration for the Coaching Team though is the lack of play by our juniors outside of their coaching sessions. To encourage some of more talented players, a series of master class and individual sessions with Andrew Evans (WSRB Performance Coach) had been arranged.

Continuing thanks to all of the Club's coaches, for their time and commitment - without this valuable help and support, the coaching programme would not be sustainable.

**Teams:** Our Teams this season had mixed fortunes. In the **NWCSL**, our First Team (Division 2 West) finished 5<sup>th</sup> while our Second Team finished 4<sup>th</sup> (in Division 3 South West). Injuries were a huge problem this season with so many players out. Perhaps we are all just getting older!

With the First Team having preference, the Seconds suffered greatly and it probably cost them 2<sup>nd</sup> or even 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Thanks to Captains Rob / Darren and Geraint in particular for all his running around and the large phone bill.

In the **North Wales Leagues** we had three teams competing in the three divisions.

Our First Team, marshalled by Jack Hayes, finished in a comfortable position in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, while the Second Team struggled at first but finished strongly to stay in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division. Our Third Team Captain, Tom Trueman, was able to give debuts to players who had never experienced league squash before and all the comments received have been very positive.

#### **Some notable achievements from our Club members:**

**Jack Hayes** played for the U19 North Wales Boys Team at the Inter Counties Finals in Pontefract.

**Josh Davies** gained a place in the U13 Welsh National squad.

Some of older members - **John Ashton, Darren Lee, Mark Davies & Jonathon Davies** were all selected for Wales in the 2015 Masters Home Internationals played in Cardiff and Ireland.

In conclusion, Mark thanked members for their continued support and looked forward to another successful year.

#### **4. Finance Report**

Kevin Jones presented the Treasurer's report advising the meeting that at 30 April 2015 the Club's balance stood at £15,072.47. 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 rental, maintenance as well as providing the necessary blocks for a possible third court.

The meeting received a recommendation from the Club's Committee that Member Subscriptions for 2015-2016 be retained at the current levels 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 2015, 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 31 July 2015]*

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

(3) The Club should negotiate an additional cleaning schedule, as appropriate.

**5. Club Constitution**

No amendments to the Constitution had been submitted.

**6. Election of Officers of the Club for 2015-2016**

The following were elected:

Chairman	-	Mark Davies
Secretary	-	Jim Tunley
Treasurer	-	Kevin Jones
Assistant Treasurer	-	Mannon Goddard
Team Representative	-	Rob Evans
Juniors Representative	-	Thomas Koscinski
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] Teams Meeting** – a meeting for all who are interested in representing the Club next year will be organised as soon as possible, following the NWCSL AGM on 21 May.

**[2] Court heaters** – in the context of our new rental agreement, concern was expressed that some members persisted with putting the court heaters to a high setting when it is really not necessary. The Governing Body recommendation is for 15 degree heat setting per court while, as a Club, we would go with 18 degrees.

A number of suggestions were made from raising awareness and self-management to linking their use to the light cards and key.

**[3] Recycling** – members felt that the Club could and should do more by way of recycling the plastic bottles and other materials that are left as rubbish. It was **AGREED** that new bins would be purchased to separate cans, glass bottles and plastics.

**[4] Club redecoration** – it was **AGREED** that over the summer months a working party should be arranged to decorate and brighten up the Club's reception, balcony and changing areas.

**[5] Internal Leagues** – there was a view that the Club's "better players" should also be encouraged to take part in the monthly leagues, but possibly in a three man division arrangement, with one up and one down. It was **AGREED** to approach these players to gauge their opinion.

**[6] 2015 Club Championship** – the entries closed at the conclusion of the AGM and, in view of the number this year, it was **AGREED** to seed 16 players. The full draw and scheduled would be posted in the Club and on the website within a couple of days.

**[7] Racketball** – despite the disappointment of having to cancel a recent racketball evening with the WSRB, Darren Lee spoke of the game's popularity in the North West and offered to organise another evening to which all members would be invited.

It was suggested that a Thursday evening might prove more successful and it was **AGREED** to book out courts between 7.00 and 9.00 on 28 May.

Mike Povey agreed to source some double yellow balls for the evening.

**[8] Court cleaning** – to supplement the possible new cleaning schedule, it was **AGREED** to purchase new larger brushes for the courts.

**[9] Third Court** – members had the opportunity to view drawings for the "scaled back" option of a possible third court at the Club and heard about the many potential advantages that this would bring.

During the extensive discussion, members were told about the quotations for building work that had been received / and were being sought; most important, however, was that we should achieve good value for money.

Members present were generally very supportive of the Club's plans and **AGREED** we should continue to move this forward, with new building quotations being obtained.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm