



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BRYMBO S&SC

29 May 2019

- **Members in attendance:**
Mark Davies, Jim Tunley, Kevin Jones, Darren Lee, Simon Koscinski and Tom Trueman.
 - **Apologies received from:**
Mannon Goddard, Hannah Davies, Geraint Jones, Paul Murphy, Sian Hughes, Laurie Jones, Craig Stephens, Gareth Williams, Dave Thomas, John Williams and Mike Thomas.
1. **Welcome**
Mark welcomed those attending and thanked them for their support.
 2. **Note of the AGM held on 30 May 2018**
These were confirmed as a correct record.
 3. **Matters Arising**
 - (1) Racketball – the meeting felt we should still try to arrange a racketball evening, if there were sufficient interest within the Club.
 - (2) Monthly Internal Leagues – our top team players were still not joining the “Premier Division”; possibly due to concerns around over-play during the season.
 - (3) Flooring in shower area – some concerns about the floor near to the sinks in the Mens Changing area, as well as an apparent reduced shower pressure – both matters will be reported to Gareth at the Sports Complex.
 - (4) GDPR – concerns over this new requirement had been dealt with, following consultations, and all members were now required to give consent by completing a new application form.

4. **Chairman’s Report**

Mark presented his report with the following elements highlighted:

The Club was now in its twelfth year and again there have been many positives and some negatives. **Memberships** continue to be steady with some new members joining the Club mainly via our website; but we still need to attract more female members to the Club.

This year **security** was compromised and our building has been troubled by some mindless vandalism, which caused us to change the door security pad number.

Court Bookings remain steady from 5.00pm onwards, but still we are seeing too many late court cancellations; this causes frustration with other members plus a loss of income for the Club. The weekends continue to be under-used.

Moreton Hall School continue to train and develop their squash team using courts during off-peak times on Wednesday afternoons; this provides the Club with some additional income.

Financially, the Club remains in a relatively strong position, but see Treasurer's Report and reference to a Third Court below.

Continuing thanks go to Mike Thomas for his excellent support of our **Monthly Internal Leagues**.

This year, we hosted the **2019 North Wales Master Open Championship**, which was a great success due to great help from our volunteers. There was a high standard of play across all categories and Jonathan Davies, Darren Lee and Mark Davies all managed to win their respective events.

The ambition for a **Third Court** remains subject to consideration – we had originally received building cost estimates that were much higher than anticipated; however, we are still looking at alternative, more cost-effective, forms of construction and currently awaiting a response from a local design and build contractor.

Juniors Coaching – this continues reasonably well, though we still need to encourage more younger children to join in our beginners sessions. As part of our approach, coaches from the Club have two days planned in July for a **Mini Squash** visit to Ysgol Penygelli Primary in Coedpoeth.

Through WSRB, the Club still host a series of **Area Performance Centre (APC)** sessions for players from Wrexham & Flintshire, who are below elite level. We've also host **Development Tournaments** at the Club; this brings together juniors of varying abilities to play in a graded event.

Continued success this year has been a new **North – Mid Wales Juniors League**, with Clubs entering teams of three players, from Wrexham, Bethesda, Deeside, Newtown & Llanfyllin. Teams played each other once a month, with Brymbo as the venue, and it certainly met its intention in providing greater opportunity to play competitively and bringing those players on. Next year, this League is likely to be extended with an East and West area in North Wales.

Junior Players Achievements – several junior players continue to improve and develop representing the Club in the North Wales Leagues and the North West Counties League. These include Josh Davies, Will & Jamie Silvester, David Thomas, Max Kaye and Cameron Dennis.

Josh Davies and Jamie Silvester played for Wales in the Junior Home Internationals in Dublin Under at Under 13 and Under 15 level. Josh also represented Wales at the Mixed Team Championships at Eindhoven, Netherlands – a great honour for both.

Josh and Will were also part of the Under 15s Inter Counties Team that narrowly lost in the English Inter Counties Final in Nottingham this year.

Some notable **Senior Player Achievements** this year – Jonathon Davies represented Wales in the Home Internationals and won his event in the 2019 North Wales Masters – see above.

Hannah Davies was again Captain to the successful North Wales Ladies Team at the English Senior Inter Counties series.

The **2018 Club Championship** was retained by Jonathan Davies.

Congratulations to all these players.

Teams Sponsorship – we continue to thank Malcolm Williams (Big Mal), on behalf of Redwither Ltd, for his on-going support of our Teams, in supplying us with balls and player shirts for the season.

Teams News 2018-19 Season

North East Wales Tuesday League

Our **First Team** consolidated their position in Division 1 finishing in a comfortable mid table position. The introduction of youngsters Will Silvester & Josh Davies has been a great success, helping them gain valuable experience against older, awkward opponents.

The **Second Team**, under the captaincy of Paul Murphy, played very consistent squash, finishing 3rd in the Division 2.

The **Third Team** had a new Captain in Tom Trueman and gained promotion to the Division 2. Well done guys, it's a tough season ahead next year.

Our junior team (**Fourths**), well marshalled by Linsey Silvester, played very well this season with all the young players improving throughout - Jamie, Cameron, Max, David & Lewis should all be very pleased with the way they played and conducted themselves on and off the court.

North West Counties League

The **First Team** finished 3rd in a highly competitive Division 2. Captain, Darren Lee managed to keep a settled side together and always managed to find a quality replacement in the event of player unavailability.

For the **Second Team**, however, it was a different story. A definite lack of commitment, some injuries and general apathy did not help the Team and, unfortunately, we finished in the relegation zone.

On a positive note youngsters Layna Beattie & Josh Davies came in and played very well in this side - a good sign for the future.

Our **Third Team** finished 3rd in Division 3 - a great team effort considering how many times players were taken out of this side to play up to help out the Second Team. A sad note, we lost the services of Geraint Jones due to a long term injury. Our Juniors, Will Silvester & Josh Davies again stepped up and played a big part in the success of this side.

Overall, for a small Club we continue to punch above our weight but again, before next season, we will need to have some serious discussions about the sustainability of our Teams and ensure we have players who are committed to playing the whole season for the Club.

Thanks to all the players who turn out week in week out and for the commitment you all put into representing our Club.

5. Finance Report

Kevin presented a "headline Treasurer's Report" advising the meeting that at 28 May 2019 the Club's year end balance stood at £18,851.26. This excluded the funds retained on Deposit but included funds that were ring-fenced to either specific junior or coaching expenditure.

Kevin ran through a summary of the various elements. Balances were described as healthy, but necessary to maintain a steady base level for identified future rental and maintenance, as well as providing the necessary blocks for our aspiration to build a Third Court.

The Report was received and the meeting received a recommendation from the Club's Committee that Member Subscriptions for 2019-2020 be unchanged in all of the three categories, as follows:

Senior - £90-00
Junior / Student - £40-00 [for two in same family - £60-00]
Family - £110-00.

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

It was agreed:

(1) With effect from 1 June 2019, subscriptions for the ensuing year will be:
Senior - £90;
Junior / Student (in full time education) - £40 or £60 for 2 children from same family;
Family (2 adults and children) - £110.

[Subscriptions are due for payment by no later than 31 July 2019]

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

6. Club Constitution

No amendments to the Constitution had been submitted.

7. Election of Officers of the Club for 2019-2020

The following were elected:

Chairman	-	Mark Davies
Secretary	-	Jim Tunley
Treasurer	-	Kevin Jones
Assistant Treasurer	-	Mannon Goddard
Team Representative	-	Darren Lee
Juniors Representative	-	not elected
Ordinary Members	-	Hannah Davies and Tom Trueman

8. Consideration of Honorary Membership

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

9. Open Forum

[1] Teams Meeting – this will be arranged and advised for the NWCSL Teams within the next two / three weeks, in the Sports Club; a date will then follow for Teams in the North Wales Leagues.

[2] Sponsorship – Thanks were made to Simon Koscinski whose Company had sponsored the North Wales Ladies Inter Counties Team this last year. An approach will be made to Malcolm Williams regarding on-going sponsorship of the Club's Teams.

[3] Club Championship – following discussion, it was **agreed** to move our premier Club event, the annual Club Championship to become a pre-season event, in September.

[4] Mens shower area – concern was expressed regarding the state of the floor around the washbasin, also that the water pressure seems to have been reduced since the installation of a new regulator. It was agreed to take up these issues with Gareth Lloyd.

[5] Courts – it looks as though wall studs are beginning to show on Court 2 and it was **agreed** to seek advice from CourtCare Ltd.

[6] Defibrillator – it is anticipated that the Club, possibly with support from the Cricket Section, will purchase and install a defibrillator in the building during June.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

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