



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING via ZOOM

1 June 2020

- **Members in attendance:**

Mark Davies, Jim Tunley, Kevin Jones, Hannah Davies, Darren Lee, Tom Trueman, John Evans, Jonathan Davies, Laurie Jones, Craig Stevens and Paul Murphy.

1. **Welcome**

Mark welcomed those attending and thanked them for their support at this our first ever virtual meeting, via Zoom.

2. **Note of the AGM held on 29 May 2019**

These were confirmed as a correct record.

3. **Matters Arising**

- (1) Racketball – the suggested evening had not been arranged; it was agreed that we should gauge whether there's still sufficient interest within the Club.
- (2) Monthly Internal Leagues – Team players were still not joining the "Premier Division"; possibly due to concerns around over-play during the season. One possible solution could be to try this on a two-monthly basis, though this may cause issues for promotion and relegation.
- (3) Flooring in shower area – concerns still exist about the floor near to the sink in the Men's Changing area; this was reported (several times) over the past twelve months to Gareth at the Sports Complex but no action has been taken.
- (4) GDPR – Team players had been asked for some personal details by Squash Wales; details from the responses received had been submitted.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The Club was now in its thirteenth year and Mark's report highlighted some of the positives, and negatives, with the following elements highlighted:

**Memberships** are slightly down this year despite welcoming some new members to the Club. New members continue to find us via the website. We do, however, still need to attract more female members to the Club.

**Court Bookings** remain steady from 5.00pm onwards, but still there are too many late court cancellations; this only causes frustration with other members, plus a loss of income for the Club. Weekends bookings have been almost non-existent !

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 important additional income.

**Financially**, the Club remains in a strong position (see Treasurer's Report below) and this allows us to keep on top of the court maintenance using CourtCare Ltd.

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

The ambition for a **Third Court** remains – we hope that builders, who are currently working at Moreton Hall, will soon visit the Club to assess some options.

**Vandalism** – this is a problem that has continued to affect the Squash / Cricket building on three occasions over the last year. The latest damage, on 29 May, was caused mainly to doors and windows in the Cricket area.

We cannot understand why, despite many conversations and requests, the BS&SC have failed to implement basic solutions such as intruder alarms and CCTV. It's a matter on which we will continue to press the Complex.

**Junior Squash** – there were some notable achievements this year, in particular by *Josh Davies* on his selection for Wales as part of the Boys Under 17 Team to play in the Home Internationals and the Europeans. It is a great shame that these were cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Our Monday evening coaching programme continues, though we do need to build up numbers attending our beginner group, which may be helped by schools' visits. The new order at Squash Wales will see the appointment of a Regional Development Officer and they will have a role in promotion of squash at the grass roots level. We hope this will feed into the Club.

Other notable achievements came from *Will Silvester* who, with Josh, was part of the successful North Wales Under 17 Team that got to the National Inter Counties Final in Nottingham.

Mention also should go to *Tom* and *Ethan Willis* as well as *Kieran Sievers*, who all represented North Wales at Under 13 and Under 15 in the Inter Counties.

Our Juniors have featured well in the Teams this year, as follows:

*Josh Davies* was promoted to our NWCSL First Team.

*Will Silvester* promoted to No1 in our NWCSL Third Team.

*David Thomas, Max Kaye, Cameron Dennis, Jamie Silvester, Kieran Sievers, Tom* and *Ethan Willis* (age 11) all played in our NW Fourth Team.

The North – Mid Wales Juniors League continues to provide excellent inter-Club competition and is providing more opportunity for juniors to play competitively.

Our 2019 Club Championship was retained by *Jonathan Davies*.

**Teams** – *Malcolm Williams* (Big Mal), on behalf of Redwither Ltd, continued his on-going support of our Teams.

With the global pandemic and subsequent lockdown, all team squash was suspended from 17 March.

The **NWCSL** have set a deadline of 14 December for all outstanding matches to be played; decisions will then need to be made on promotion and relegation matters.

Our First Team were poised to win the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division. Promotion is an issue but it was acknowledged, that top level experience would benefit the likes of *Josh Davies*.

The Second Team had a superb season with 100% record and poised to win Division 3, with our Third Team likely to finish in the top four of the same Division.

In **North Wales**, our First Team should finish in the top three of Division 1; the Second Team should remain in Division 2; the Third Team are likely to gain promotion to Division 2; and the Fourth Team will remain in Division 3.

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

**Easing the lockdown** – consideration was being given to the requirements for re-opening the Club, but in a way that is both safe and appropriate, based on Government and Governing Body advice (see Open Forum below).

## 5. Finance Report

Kevin presented a “headline Treasurer’s Report” advising the meeting that at 1 June 2020 the Club’s year end balance stood at £19,464.52. This excluded the funds retained on Deposit but included funds that were ring-fenced to either specific junior or coaching expenditure.

Kevin went 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 continued aspiration to build a Third Court at the Club.

The Report was received and the meeting received a recommendation from the Club’s Committee that Member Subscriptions for 2020-2021 be **unchanged** in all of the three categories. Given the current circumstances, however, the meeting **agreed** to a formula for subscriptions that will be based on a pro rata of months lost, when the full extent is known.

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

## 6. Club Constitution

No amendments to the Constitution had been submitted.

## 7. Election of Officers of the Club for 2020-2021

The following were elected:

Chairman	-	Mark Davies
Secretary	-	Jim Tunley
Treasurer	-	Kevin Jones
Assistant Treasurer	-	Mannon Goddard
Team Representative	-	Darren Lee
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] Easing the Lockdown** – the meeting heard about measures being taken in anticipation of our Club reopening:

- Both courts have been refurbished during the lockdown.
- A deeper clean has taken place throughout the Club.
- All furniture in the lobby and balcony areas will be removed.
- Surfaces, including the door handles and stair rails, will be cleaned each day.
- A hand sanitiser will be made available for use in the Club.
- The changing rooms, shower / toilet area will not be available.

- Court booking times have changed and are now staggered, to discourage too many members attending at any one time - e.g. Court 2 is to start 30 minutes after Court 1 throughout the day.
- Provision of an honesty box for light cards – each day cards will be made available (and money collected), based on the number of courts that are pre-booked.

**[2] Protocol for all members** – subject to further advice and any guidance we may receive from Squash Wales, the following protocols were **agreed** as a minimum for when we come to open up the Club again for play:

1. Members should only attend the Club if they, or their partner, have a pre-booked court. Be changed and ready to go on court.
2. Maintain strict social distancing at all times (both on court and on the balcony).
3. Avoid shaking hands, to minimize opportunities for the virus to spread.
4. Until further notice, one person only is allowed on court at any time, unless there are two players from the same household who have been quarantining together.
5. Only use your own equipment – rackets and balls.
6. Do not wipe hands on the court walls; avoid touching other surfaces and wipe down all of those that have been touched e.g. door plates, etc.
7. Please leave the Club straight after your game and shower at home.
8. Do not attend the Club if you feel unwell.
9. Use the sanitiser available or wash your hands for 20 seconds [and more frequently than normal].
10. Please be very aware of individuals around you, in particular those who may be more vulnerable.
11. Understand, that any person entering the Squash Club area does so at their own risk.
12. Enjoy your game and stay safe while using the Squash Club.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.