

# The Avenue Lawn tennis and Squash Club

## Minutes of the Squash AGM held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

1. Apologies / Attendance
  - 8 members attended the meeting
  - Apologies from Danny Jones / Matt Boschi / Mike Winter / Dave Bradley
2. Minutes of Last Squash AGM meeting (12<sup>th</sup> April 2016) were reviewed and approved as an accurate reflection of what was covered at the meeting
  - Proposed – Richard Hopp
  - Seconded – Nick Tunnicliffe
3. Matters Arising
  - There were no items needing to be discussed
4. Captains Report (summarised by Paul Cornborough for all teams)
  - Mens Vets
    - Fantastic results from all 3 men's Veterans teams who all won their respective leagues – great performance
  - Mens
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Team 8<sup>th</sup> out of 9
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team – 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Team – 6<sup>th</sup> out of 10
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Team – 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10
  - Ladies
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Team – 7<sup>th</sup> out of 7
5. Teams for next Season
  - To be covered at a separate review with the respective Team captains
6. Coaching Report (Richard Hopp)
  - Currently have a full group of Junior Players which is good news, although as some are at the top end of the age group will need to be backfilled at some point in the future
  - A recent influx of new players to the Squash section (8 or so in the last few weeks) has generated more requests for coaching sessions
  - Richard is planning to run a pre-season training/fitness session for the 1 / 2 teams and the 3 / 4 teams
  - On a query raised by Iain Cameron, Richard confirmed that all Courts pre-booked for Coaching sessions, if not needed, are usually freed up a week in advance. At the latest they are freed up on the Monday of the week of the booking
7. Match Secretary's Report
  - Covered in section 4
8. Tournament Report
  - Dave presented the financial summary of the two competitions ran in March/April 2016 (Closed competition and the Vets competition), and the summary of the

Christmas Squash doubles competition run early Jan 2017. The tournaments are meant to be self-funding and the entry fees cover the cost of the prizes (usually wine) and the cost of the engraving of the trophy. Any surpluses (if any) go to the Club

#### 9. Committee / Job Roles

- Not discussed and should not have been down as an agenda item

#### 10. Election of Officers

- There were no new people volunteering to join the Squash committee and all the present incumbents (apart from Dave Bradley) were happy to be nominated to stand for the same positions for the forthcoming year
- A mass vote was taken on all members who had been proposed and seconded and all people were unanimously re-elected
- Richard Hopp and Wally Chapman had been proposed but not seconded. At a quick (separate) Squash meeting after the end of the Squash AGM they were both co-opted onto the Committee in their existing roles
- Summary of the roles and names
  - Men's Captain Paul Cornborough
  - Ladies captain Liz Walker
  - Match Secretary Paul Cornborough
  - Secretary Dave Wigley
  - Junior Secretary Richard Hopp
  - Committee member 1 Wally Chapman

#### 11. Internal Squash and Racket-ball leagues

- Racket-ball leagues
  - Going OK although in some leagues not all games are being played. Would be nice to get some additional players to join, particularly as there are several regular players who are not in the Leagues
- Squash Leagues
  - Approx. 8 new Club members will join the next squash Leagues – which will be a great addition to the overall number playing
  - An update provided on how Dave Lee is progressing. A summary of this is on the noticeboard

#### 12. AOB

- Competition Entry Fees
  - It was unanimously agreed that on all future Squash/Racket-ball competitions that involve an entry fee, the fee will be deducted from the monies on the Players' fob. The organiser of the competition will provide a list of names to the Office. This will be based on who played games in the tournament, as opposed to who has put their name down for the tournament but for whatever reason are unable to take part. This will now become a condition of entry for future competitions
- New squash / Racket-ball members

- Agreed that we would pull together a list of existing players who are prepared to **pro-actively** get in contact with new Squash/Racket-ball players (for Squash - after they have been played in by Paul Cornborough) and arrange a friendly with them. The intent is to try and make new members (if they want it) to let them get a game under their belt perhaps prior to the next internal leagues being created, make a new contact, and generally show them the 'ropes' ref court bookings etc etc. A request for volunteer names will be put on the noticeboard over the next few days
- The Club Open Day has been moved to July - there will be a request nearer the time for Squash / Racket-ball volunteers to help support
- Reviewed Squash membership numbers – generally numbers are holding up OK, but we would always welcome new members, so if there are any friends/colleagues who can be worked on to join please twist their arms. Remember there is no joining fee and the subscriptions can be made monthly so the net initial costs are small
- Iain Cameron re-confirmed that he is happy to trial a 'Club / Mix in' night – this is likely to be initiated in the September period
- There was a debate (based on the number of players who currently are happy to play for the Squash Teams) whether we should look at the option of putting a 5<sup>th</sup> Men's team into the Hampshire Leagues. This widened into a debate about whether the better option (based on an increasing number of players who play) may be to look at entering a Racket-Ball team into the Hampshire Leagues
  - Alex Johnstone volunteered to take an action to follow up: -
    - To look at the composition of the team (3 or 5 players), how many games it might involve per season to determine how frequently the courts would need to be booked out, and if it was feasible what would be the best night to host home games etc etc

There being no further questions the meeting was closed at 21:00