

Hereford Squash Tennis and Racketball Centre

Wednesday April 12th, 2023 at 19.00hrs

Agenda:

- Apologies
- Approval of Minutes of the AGM 2022
- Annual Reports:
 - Chairman's Report
 - Financial and Treasurer's Report
 - Squash and Tennis Reports
- Election of Officers
 - Present Chair: Paul Broadley
 - Present Treasurer: Tommy Burton
 - Present Secretary: Mick Dixon
 - Present Squash Chair: Steve Rocke
 - Present Tennis Chair: Vacant
 - Present Social Chair: Jackie Bishop
 - Club promotion and Development Chair (vacant)
- Appointment of Financial Advisors
- Resolutions

Apologies

26 apologies were received, Antonia Hastings, Rob McCarthy, Tom Harrington, Sarah Fleming, Mike Fleming, Steve Farnell, Guy Davisons, Sharron Haworth, Sam Bayliss, Mick Miller, Dan Little, Annie Little, Clive Brookes, Ben Johnson, Tim Wynn, Andy Young, Lee Hutchinson, Vojtech Slabej, Richard Williams, Colin Edwards, Robin Mason, Graham Vanston, Steve Walter, Will Vanston, Alister Walshe, Brian Brammall, Chris Thomas, James Dunford and Jill Lorkin.

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

These were adopted by the floor.

Chairman's Report

Full report previously circulated prior to the AGM. Paul Broadley reported that:

- A thank you to Trevor Jones for continuing in his role as Trustee and Colin Edwards and Ian Thornewell for agreeing to join Trevor as additional Trustees following the retirement of Mark Chamberlain.
- A thank you to all those members who contribute so much behind the scenes to the successful operation of the club.

- A thank you to Derren Hotchkiss who provides management accounts to the Exec committee and assists the Treasurer.
- A thank you to the management team and all those volunteer members, coaches and staff who have helped during this last year.
- Membership numbers remain stable but overall adult numbers for both squash and Tennis players remain below optimum for the size of our facility and its important therefore that we continue to grow our membership numbers.
- Our Social membership includes the addition of social members from Hereford Hockey club.
- Our Squash and Tennis coaches continue to provide an excellent level of coaching for adults and children alike.
- Racketball is a lesser-known sport at our club but is played on squash courts and has helped to provide an alternative to squash. We don't yet have a Racketball league, but several squash players have taken up playing Racketball.
- The bar is an integral of our club, and revenue from this area has increased due in large part to the hard work of our staff.
- Jackie Bishop, our Social Secretary has promoted a good number of successful social events and has worked well with Stuart and Sue Pugh. The bar brings in additional revenue.
- Project for Padel continues to move forward. It makes sense for the future of the whole club to bring another sport to the club to diversify the sports offered for existing members and to attract new members and players.

Treasurer's Report

Full report previously circulated prior to the AGM. It was reported that:

- This is our first full year of trading since Covid and the financial results are very encouraging.
- At the end of 2022 we had £141k in our cash reserves. This includes an outstanding bounce bank loan balance of £29.7k.
- Total Income =£168.8k, Expenditure = £150.9k
- Overall the club made a surplus of £17.9k in 2022 which includes £45k investment in the clubs facilities.
- Continued investment in the facilities and the budget for 2023 includes the overflow car park, grounds maintenance including a new hedge at the rear of Tennis court 7 plus the normal annual Squash court, Tennis court cleaning and club fabric repairs.
- There was no increase to rates at the last AGM so **we are recommending a 5% increase to rates this year**. Many of our costs including Energy & Staffing will rise this year so the proposed increase will counter the effects of inflation.

Squash and Tennis Report

Full reports previously circulated prior to the AGM; the highlights are:

- Squash remains in a strong position. Club night continues to be well attended.

- **Women's squash** – Katie Simpson is Worcestershire's over 40's Ladies Champion. Ladies coaching sessions on Wednesday and Thursday.
- **Junior coaching** - Junior coaching continues to grow on a Thursday evening. Terry continues to work with the schools in introducing juniors to the sport. Certainly-wood and Stooke Hill and Walshe who continue to support and sponsor the development of junior squash at our club.
- **Championship and future Competitions** - After a 3-year absence, this year saw the return of the Club Championships.
- **Racketball** - Ian Johnstone works closely with two local charities to promote Racketball.
- **Hereford League** - With a little tweaking and a different approach, we now have a league that has seven teams competing. **Worcester League** - Currently sitting third in a tight league this season. Wye Valley Brewery for their continued sponsorship and support.
- Tennis is thriving at the Club. Pay and play facilities has made tennis accessible to more people.
- Tennis Hereford Team has continued to offer all year round coaching for both juniors and adults and have an active role in social tennis.
- Social sessions continue on a regular basis. Andrew Griffiths has added a varied format to the Wednesday evening mixed sessions which is proving popular.
- **Facilities** – Unsafe fencing has been replaced by Chiltern and new sight screens have been installed.
- **Teams** - The Club continues to be represented by 7 adult teams in the Hereford and Worcester League. Ladies A came top of their league in Winter 21-22 and will be promoted. In summer 2022 Ladies A & B, Men's A and Mixed A teams all came first or second in their leagues.
- **Club Championships** - These took place over the summer and finals day was held on 17th September 2022.
- **Walking Tennis/Pickleball** - The club was awarded a Small Grant from Sport England for setting up some coaching and equipment for Pickleball and Walking tennis. **Dementia Day** - A Tennis-a-Thon was held in July when continuous tennis was played through the day. The sum of £800 was raised for Dementia UK.
- **Tennis Committee** - The club has always had a tennis committee but now currently needs a tennis representative to liaise with the Executive as the Tennis Chair position has been vacant since the last AGM.
- **Juniors** - This has to be one of the best years to date with junior and adult success growing in popularity at the club and surrounding areas. Junior success has been phenomenal in the past year including 6 of our players becoming county champions at the annual Herefordshire and Worcestershire LTA County Championships.

Election of Officers

As there were no other individuals standing for the relevant posts and the current officers have indicated their willingness to continue, there was no vote undertaken. A list of proposers and seconders are provided below:

<u>Role</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Chairman	Paul Broadley	Tim Stubbs	Len Granger
Treasurer	Tom Burton	Lee Bartlett	Bernard Halfpenny
Secretary	Mick Dixon	Mark Sheenan	Janie Allman
Squash Chairman	Steve Rocke	Bernard Halfpenny	Terry Prosser
Social Secretary	Jackie Bishop	Graham Bolton	Colin Powell
Tennis Chairman	Vacant		
Promotion and Development	Vacant		

Appointment of Financial Advisors

Thorne Widgery reappointed with proposal by Tim Stubbs and seconded by Graham Bolton.

Vote on Resolutions (as proposed by 30/03/23)

It had been decided by the Executive Committee to permit a postal or email vote given the timing of the AGM being during a holiday period. These were collected and counted by the club secretary and are shown against each proposal.

52members were in attendance with 1 unable to vote due to being a social member.

Proposal 1: to cover a change in the constitution to accommodate new disciplinary procedures and code of conduct as circulated to all club members on the 15th of February 2023.

For the proposal 63 (18 by post + 45). **Against** the proposal 3 (0 by post + 3). **Abstaining** 3 (0 by post +3). **Proposal Carried.**

Proposal 2: It has been proposed that the use of floodlights for club night sessions Wednesday and Friday evenings should be included in our membership fee.

For the proposal 5 (3 by post + 2). **Against** the proposal 69 (25 by post + 44). **Abstaining** 1 (0 by post+1). 4 members did not cast a vote. **Proposal failed.**

Meeting was closed at 1940hrs.

Signed by:.....

Paul Broadley – Chairman 10th May 2023