

# **Gerrards Cross Squash Club**

## **Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting**

**held on 7th June 1999 at the Memorial Centre**

Present: K Hewison (Chairman) and 14 members

### **1) Apologies for Absence :**

Apologies for absence were received from G Chambers, C Hockin, P Hogan, and S Jaggard.

### **2) Minutes of the 1998 AGM :**

The minutes of the 1998 AGM were adopted as a true record of the meeting though it was noted that the proposed rise in court booking fees did not occur.

### **3) Chairman's Report :**

The Chairman reported that the past year had seen considerable changes within the club house with the strengthening work having been carried out on the balcony, a new stamp machine having been installed and the front door about to be changed imminently. There had been a change of cleaners which has also made a noticeable difference.

He expressed thanks once again to Anita and Richard Crosbie for once more organising successful and highly enjoyable Handicap Tournaments. These tournaments are an opportunity to mix socially with other club members as well as providing the chance for us lower league players to cause an upset by beating the higher ranked players.

He thanked the Committee for assisting him in his role of keeping the club active with a balanced membership ensuring that the courts were used well with not too much pressure on bookings.

He finished by thanking Andrew Royal who was standing down from his position as League Secretary after 15 years, during which time he had also held other positions on the committee.

### **4) Treasurer's Report :**

The audited accounts for the year to October 1998 were presented by the Treasurer (attached). DC reported that the accounts had recently been audited by Nunn Hayward. This year's accounts show an increased surplus of income over expenditure of around £3000. This surplus was due to increased income from the gym, light meters, bookings and the phone and also decreased expenditure due to a rebate on the electricity bill and reduced maintenance (no court maintenance during the accounting period). The Club's overall financial position remains relatively healthy with assets of around £29K and a current account of around £16K.

The position for the current year indicates that income from subscriptions, bookings and the light meters is up whilst maintenance expenditure is also increased due to the court maintenance and new door, lock and stamp machine. As a result of this, the projected surplus is likely to be less whilst remaining positive.

**5) Appointment of Club Auditors :**

The accounts of Messrs Nunn Hayward were accepted unanimously.

The Honorary Accountants were thanked for their efforts and were proposed for reappointment by K Hewison, seconded by D Rose and passed by a majority vote.

**6) Membership Report :**

D Sledge stated that the current level of membership is similar to that reported at the previous AGM with the adult membership down slightly and corporate membership up.

The current figures for membership are as follows :

	1998-99	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Adult	97	100	87	99
Family	15	14 (45)	18 (50)	18
Under-25	9	7	8	6
Junior/Student	15	21	19	21
Corporate	65	62	35	20
Non-playing	1	-	-	-
Life member	7	7	7	7

Corporate membership has continued to grow in popularity to the extent where pressure on lunch-time courts has become quite high. The following organisations are currently involved.

Hitachi Data Systems  
 Martin Baker Aircraft  
 Madge Networks Ltd

MDS Harris  
 Nunn Hayward  
 RWS Translations

- Leaflets (offering a small reduction to new members) has been deposited with the New Neighbours Scheme to advertise the club to people moving into the area.

**7) House Secretary's Report :**

- Court maintenance has been carried out earlier in the year, cleaning to be organised within 2 months
- A new cleaner has been found with good results.
- A new stamp machine is in operation, some teething troubles.

- A new front door is to be fitted within 1 week.

## 8) **Captain's Report :**

N Hallchurch reported the following :

- The 1st team had a good season finishing mid table of the 2nd division. The team was run by D Halkerston.
- The 2nd team, run by Bob Boyd finished in the top half of Division 4 south.
- There were no Summer leagues being run this year.
- The club championship was won by M Burnett who had beaten R Fisher.
- The vets competition was still to be arranged.
- There was considered to be sufficient interest to run a 3rd team during the winter. Following discussion it was agreed that impact on peak time courts should be kept to a minimum, members to be canvassed at renewal.

## 9) **Junior Secretary's Report :**

There was no Junior Representative present but it was reported that :

- The junior team had played well having won 5 and lost 5 in Division 2. League position was held for the next season.

The Junior Championship result were as follows:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>
Under 19	T Chambers	A Allkins

## 10) **Subscriptions :**

Following a debate about the club's finances and subscription levels the committee recommended that membership and court booking fees remain at their current levels depending on how Memorial Centre subscriptions changed. NH suggested that clarification should be sought on Memorial Centre fees for corporate members.

The proposal was made by B Boyd and seconded by A Crosbie and passed by a majority vote.

## 11) **Election of Club Officers :**

The following Officers and Committee members were elected:

Chairman:	Ken Hewison
Secretary:	Jennie Milward
Treasurer:	David Colwill
Club Captain:	Nick Hallchurch
Ladies Representative:	Anita Crosbie
House Member:	B Boyd
League Secretary:	David Sledge
Junior Secretary:	Graham Chambers
Elected Members:	Bob Beasley
	Chris Hockin
	Pam Hogan
	David Rose

Peter Scott

**12) Any Other Business :**

- NH agreed to attend the Bucks SRA AGM.
- NH suggested that the quorum for the AGM should be reduced from 12 to 10 - seconded by D Rose and passed by majority vote.
- There was a discussion regarding eligibility of members to enter competitions. It was generally felt that the main club tournament was dominated by part time members from the first team who are rarely seen around the club.
- D Rose asked about a ball vending machine - committee to investigate.
- D Colwill raised a discussion of non-stamping of court bookings. Decided to allow over-stamping of unstamped court bookings at any time. There was a brief heated debate. Motion passed, article to go in newsletter, committee to monitor.
- D Colwill to refund stamps following recent absence of machine requiring meter payments.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:20 pm.

D Sledge  
Hon Secretary (outgoing)