

Minutes of GSRA AGM Sunday 13th May 2018 Newport Squash Club

Attendees	Apologies
Peter Sturgess (Abergavenny); Alex Rowlands (Abertillery); Jonathon Taylor (Bedwelty); Calvin Till (Caldicot); Kyle Thompson (Cwmbran); Nick Edwards (Monmouth) Greg Tippings(Newport); Greg Price (Penybont); Stephen; Thomas (Risca)	Haydn Holder) Monmouth) Steve Rowlands (Abertillery)

Minutes of Last meetings: -

Minutes and actions from last AGM and meeting on Dec 17th, 2017 were read and agreed.

Chairman's Report: -

It has been a pleasure serving as chairman of the Gwent Squash Association, not least because I have had a Treasurer and Secretary who are both extremely competent and hardworking leaving me with very little to do, something which I hope will encourage a successor to step forward to replace me without undue pushing.

I have decided to step down because as Nick has pointed out it is not healthy for two members of the committee to come from the same club, it is right that the committee should represent opinions from as many clubs as possible.

I continue to wish the Gwent Squash Association well and I am sure will hear from Peter how the new committee is boldly going forward with the development of squash in the Gwent area.

Monmouth club would like to thank all Gwent Clubs for their support and understanding over the last two seasons during which they have had to use the Monmouth Boys School courts for league matches.

This has not been ideal, especially during the inclement weather, but Monmouth appreciate your understanding.

Monmouth Leisure centre is due to re-open in late July when normal service will be resumed!

Marc Winchester

Chairman's report was delivered by Peter Sturgess in Marc's absence

Treasurer's Report: -

Peter presented the Treasurer's report .

After some discussion it was agreed that GSRA would fund shirts for the Gwent Closed Cup - details of proposal for the Cup to be put forward by Greg Tippings; expected costs to be in the region of £150.

It was also agreed that GSRA would fund 12 squash balls per team in Gwent leagues; these balls to be available at the pre-season meeting in September.

ACTION:-

Peter to circulate Treasurers report to all club managers.

Elections of Officers

Marc Winchester has previous requested to stand down from chairman position. The GSRA thanks Marc for all his work over the last number of years as Chairman.

The following officers were proposed / seconded and voted in as follows: -

Nominated Position	Nominee	Proposer	seconded	Elected
Chairman	Stephen Thomas	Greg Tippings	Kyle Thompson	Carried unanimously
Vice Chairman	Alex Rowlands	Kyle Thompson	Greg Tippings	Carried unanimously
Treasurer	Peter Sturgess	Alex Rowlands	Kyle Thompson	Carried unanimously
Secretary	Nick Edwards	Kyle Thompson	Greg Tippings	Carried unanimously

GENERAL COMMITTEE

The General committee will continue to consist of one member from each club in Gwent

ATTENDANCE AT GSRA MEETINGS

The 10-point extra bonus for teams in the Gwent leagues for attendance at GSRA meetings was discussed and felt to be working in that attendance at meetings was good

Attendance at the pre-season meeting in September is required for the bonus points be awarded for the Winter 2018 season for Gwent teams.

ACTION – Nick to alert Mike Howe so bonus points can be awarded for start of the season post pre-season meeting in September.

Activity Report WSRB

Mike Workman presented data from the S.E Wales newsletter and activity report for S.E Wales; please see attached for both documents (and sent to attendees by email)

ACTION: - Member clubs to alert Mike of relevant articles /events to go in future newsletters

Winter 2018 Season – league structure

Nick presented the potential league structure for 2018 Winter season – please see attached.

It is envisaged there will be 8 teams in each of Gwent One and Gwent Two based on results of the Spring 2018 season

ACTION:

all clubs to confirm to Mike Howe the number of teams they will be submitting for Winter 2018 season by first week of August 2108

Ranking of players

Mike Howe required final rankings for all clubs to be with him at least one week before the first game of the season (September 10th)

There was discussion around some clubs “group” ranking of players. While this is fine for internal purposes it was agreed that WSRB/Squash Wales rankings would reflect actual rankings of all payers in a linear manner. Any player not on a drop-down list when match results are recorded would not be eligible to play for the team in question.

ACTION: -

All clubs to have near final linear rankings with Mike Howe by September 3rd (one week before first league match)

Nick to liaise with Mike Howe on drop down menus on League Master website

GSRA Rules amendments

There was discussion around proposed amendments to rules 3.1; 3.4; 4.1; 5.2 which had been circulated to clubs some time ago.

Proposed changes to rules 3.1 were rejected; current rule to remain.

Proposed changes to rule 3.4 were rejected; current rule to remain.

Proposed changes to rule 4.1 were accepted

Proposed changes to rule 5.2 were accepted

ACTION: -

Nick to amend current rules based on above changes and circulate to all clubs

Constitution

It was agreed at previous meetings that the constitution needs reviewing.

Steve Rowlands has made substantial progress with proposed amendments but was unable to attend today.

ACTION

Alex to ask Steve to circulate amendments made so far for comment by all clubs: ideally last version to be in place for pre-season meeting

AOB

Gwent Closed Cup;

ACTION-

Greg Tippings to put forward a proposal for review for Gwent Closed Cup in next few weeks.

Referee course; next referee course is being planned for early September before Winter season starts; it is envisaged GSRA will have in region of 12 – 20 potential candidates

ACTION:-

Nick to follow up with Roy Gingell on details and dates

League feedback: Mike Howe has requested feedback on League Master software, League rules and general administration, and Squash levels ranking system

ACTION: all clubs to feedback to Mike on their thoughts and suggestions on the above

GSRA website

In view of the time it is taking for GSRA to get its own webpage on the Squash Wales website (now scheduled for September 2018 at the earliest) Stephen Thomas has agreed to investigate setting up a website on word press

ACTION: -

Stephen to circulate proposal and ask for potential content for the website.

Next Meeting to be Sunday 2nd September to be held at Newport Squash club (no charge!). Attendance at this meeting will determine the 10 attendance bonus points for all teams in Gwent One and Two.

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