

Minutes of Squash and Racketball Committee Meeting

Wednesday 1st October 2025

Present

Kate Corey (KC), James Birch (JB), Thomas Hepworth (TH), Mike Harris (MH), Jason Smith (JS), Kate Fuller (KF), Pete Roberts (PR), Gary Morton (GM).

Apologies

Amelia Bywater (AB),

Financials

- Figures were discussed, a small loss as expected. KC to continue to monitor.

Teams

- Warks 1st Team will play on Mondays.
- Shropshire 1st Team will play on Tuesdays.
- Shropshire 2nd Team (Development Team) will play on Thursdays.
- Staffordshire 1st Team will play on Wednesdays.
- MH has input fixtures online and informed bar and restaurant of dates of home matches.

Internal Competitions

- Racketball handicap tournament is underway with semi-finals night on Friday 17th October and finals night on Friday 24th October (6:30pm). MH to market out finals night.
- JS showed a prototype trophy for the event – all agreed it looks great. Thank you to JS for making them.
- MH to sort restaurant vouchers (£10-15) for the winners of the racketball handicap tournament.
- Carver Cup – finals night 28th November.
- Graded racketball tournament planned for November – looking for sponsorship.
- Marking and Refereeing Awareness Course being held on Friday 10th October (6:30-9pm) (£5). All team members and juniors are encouraged to attend.

External Competitions

- RAF combined services event (9th / 10th Oct). MH to promote.
- RAF event on 29th Sept / 31st October.
- Masters Tournament (16th Jan) – looking for a sponsor. MH has sent AGS proposal over.

Juniors

- Junior Programme remains positive.
- Squash Stars 6-week programme to commence in November on Saturday mornings (15th Nov – 20th Dec) (9-10am).
- Half-term Halloween squash camp (28th – 30th October).
- Discussion around introducing a 'golden ticket' offering for the juniors where they can give a friend at school a golden ticket which can then be redeemed at WLTSC for a free junior session.

Adult Programme

- Not filling all adult classes. This may be because people are lacking confidence to attend or a lack of awareness.
- Discussions around providing incentives such as a monthly social media offering 'like and share a family who would be interested in winning a free coaching session'. KF also suggested a social media campaign 'Tag a Family who would like to try a new sport'.
- All agreed that we should try and gain more traction on TikTok and encourage people to do a video review of the sessions to promote awareness. Meet Ellie Longden to discuss.

AOB

- MH discussed the possibility of holding the National Squash League (4 matches) at WLTSC. £17k is required for sponsorship and only 2 weeks to find sponsor. Committee agreed that we will not pursue this year, but we would like to be considered for next year.
- JS mentioned that there are juniors from other clubs that are looking for extra High Performance squash training. (County Level) with MH and LS. JS to send names and email addresses of those interested to MH. MH to officially write to the parents of those interested.
- Committee agreed it would be a good idea to hold some exhibition matches at the club. MH to speak to players and get costs.
- Carpet tiles will be replaced in the court areas in October.
- GM to organise seating for the courts area before Christmas. KC to confirm this with Steve.
- Website is currently in process of being updated – classes to be added to the website.

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 5th November @ 18.30