

## **Minutes of Squash and Racketball Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025**

### **Present**

Kate Corey (KC), Mike Harris (MH), Gary Morton (GM), Jason Smith (JS), Thomas Hepworth (TH), Pete Roberts (PR), Amelia Bywater (AB), Nikki Prosser (NP), Steve Chilvers (SC)

### **Apologies**

James Birch (JB), Kate Fuller (KF)

### **Tournaments**

- Tournament numbers were looked at – MH provided sheet listing attendance numbers for tournaments from September 2021 to November 2025 and financials
- Discussion around concern of lower numbers for tournaments recently, including 20+ lower for the Carver Cup 2025.
- Committee have decided to stop internal Masters to reduce number of tournaments per year
- MH has collected feedback from 20-30 members regarding tournaments, main points were:
  - Events too close together throughout year, especially with team matches and leagues as well
  - Event durations need to be looked at
  - Need to change tactic on how to encourage people to enter
  - Handicap numbers may need to be revised
- MH provided new calendar with smaller events, less tournaments each season and shorter durations, e.g. First City Club Champs to be over one weekend
- Some events still waiting for date to be confirmed (Graded Championships and Junior Open)

### **Social Events**

- MH to put new calendar which includes social events on noticeboard
- International Womens Day (IWD) was discussed – big success last year. AB to run event this year with KC.
- AB and KC to talk to NP regarding plans for IWD event

### **Classes**

- Committee looked at classes timetable and attendance since beginning of September
- Mix-ins generally have best attendance for both squash and racketball
- Racketball Skills and Drills to be moved to Friday 4pm (from Monday lunchtime) from January 2026 onwards – **to be kept on minutes and reviewed/monitored for three months**
- Friday lunchtime Squash Skills and Drills to be removed from calendar
- CourtFit to be removed from calendar after Christmas.
- New Team Training session run by Leon Smith on Thursday evenings from 6:45pm to 8:15pm
- SC discussed potential to open up Pay&Play for squash and racketball as it has been successful for Padel
- MH to issue new calendar to club members and to send to club captains

### **Website**

- NP discussed new website which should be coming soon
- Old content to be pulled through and each head of department to be contacted to input information / decide what needs to be removed

### **Social Media Strategy**

- Squash committee strongly feel that as a department social media strategy is lacking and we need to review approach.
- GM to contact social media content creator and pass details onto KC

### **Teams**

- Performing well in Staffs league
- Warwickshire league currently at bottom
- Development team also doing well
- JS suggested 'happy hour' for team matches to encourage more club members to watch and support – drinks are cheaper at away games
- MH to sit down with NP and discuss whether they can change team meal fees process as TH is often out of pocket with current approach

### **Leagues**

- Leagues started previous week and running until 4<sup>th</sup> Jan
- 28 in squash and 22 in racketball

### **Internal Competitions**

- Racketball Club Championships now open for registration – committee to push registration
- Christmas Squash and Racketball Social to happen on 12<sup>th</sup> December – MH to post about sign-up sheet on noticeboard
- Club sports day on 27<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 12pm

### **Masters**

- Social media posts to go out this week
- Schedules to be posted for home players

### **Juniors**

- Juniors Christmas Squash Camp coming up.
- Early bird strategy is going well
- All committee members to share social media posts about junior events including Christmas squash camps
- St Peter's and St Paul's schools sessions going well – MH suggested inviting parents to last session before Christmas and to push beginners sessions

### **AOB**

- MH/KC to think about new photos for Coaches Board to include Leon
- AB and KC to find date for IWD
- Committee need to further explore Pay&Play idea for squash

**Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 @ 18.30**