

Minutes of Squash and Racketball Committee Meeting

Wednesday 7th January 2026

Present

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

Finance

- MH informed committee that the school programme has made £600
- MH informed that junior Christmas camp made £360 profit with seven juniors each day on average (different juniors in morning compared to afternoon on some days). Committee discussed running Christmas camp on the three days before Christmas next time when people are less busy

Leagues/Teams

- PR gave update on leagues - Racketball and Squash leagues running until 15th March, currently have 33 for squash and 21 for racketball
- Warwickshire division 2 – 7th place
- Shropshire division 1 – 3rd place with a game in hand
- Shropshire Development team – currently 10th out of 12th
- Staffordshire division – 4th place with a game in hand

Social Events

- Committee discussed International Women's Day squash event on Wednesday 18th March 2026
 - AB to approach pilates/yoga teachers including Emma Berriman
 - Ticket prices were discussed - A ticket price of £20 was agreed
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Classes

- MH gave update on adult classes and programme
- Three beginners attending Monday night sessions (non-members) and receiving more interest for other beginners to join
- Racketball Skills and Drills moved to Friday 4pm (from Monday lunchtime) from January 2026 onwards – **to be kept on minutes and reviewed/monitored for three months** – reviewed and received good feedback from members, committee to push new session
- KF suggested pairing new players with existing members to help them integrate into the club – committee agreed this was a good idea but questioned how practical it would be. Decision taken to encourage new members to join Mix-Ins and use induction to work out ability and pair up through that

Website

- MH and KC to look at website content
- Committee discussed what the website should show for squash – it should push beginners and juniors, focus on getting new people in including non-members

Juniors

- MH updated on junior programme and it is going well
- Eight juniors signed up for new programme, two new juniors starting this coming Saturday

- Friday night elite group is slower but expecting further up-take
- MH has suggested working on a 'bring a friend' session for Saturday morning's session – MH to create flyers for coming Saturday to encourage this

Court Bookings

- MH informed committee that MyCourts is repopulating deleted sessions which led to confusion and issues during the Christmas break, as courts showed they were busy when they were not

- MH, KC and TH to work together to make sure booking system is accurate, especially when MH is on leave to ensure classes are cancelled as appropriate

Masters

- Masters is happening weekend of 17th/18th January 2026
- MH informed that there are 169 entries
- Estimated 200 people with guests included
- MH has organised for food and drink to be available throughout the day and for the shop to be open on Friday and Saturday morning
- MH asked for volunteers to help out with greeting players and guests – MH to put on squash groups too
- MH to send email to Masters players, members and parents of juniors about classes and parking during Masters weekend
- Bathroom cleaning to be sorted as cleaning team do not work on weekends
- KC to speak to bar staff about moving Lucozade and water bottles upstairs to bar when shop closed, following issue last year
- Tettenhall College also booked for event and MH to check that everything is okay following issue last year when only one court was available

Internal Competitions

- Committee discussed Racketball Club Champs – 34 players signed up so far
- Semifinals are happening on 4th February 2026, finals are happening on 6th February 2026
- Tournament has already started and sponsor is very happy
- Committee to encourage people to attend finals night on 6th February
- MH to organise trophies for event

AOB

- Committee agreed to move monthly meeting to second week of the month.
- MH asked committee where championship boards should be put now that decorating is complete. Committee agree that boards should be placed on the wall in the corridor that leads to the squash courts.

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 11th February 2026 @ 18.30