

Minutes of Squash and Racketball Committee Meeting

Wednesday 11th February 2026

Present

Kate Corey (KC), Mike Harris (MH), Gary Morton (GM), Thomas Hepworth (TH), Amelia Bywater (AB), James Birch (JB)

Apologies

Jason Smith (JS), Pete Roberts (PR), Kate Fuller (KF)

Finance

- Profit made in January – numbers looking better but still lots of high costs compared to income
- KC/MH – need to look at junior class prices
- MH said numbers for junior classes are consistently good and comparable between member and non-member prices e.g. £3.50 compared to £4.50.
- Committee agreed to increase junior class prices to the following:
 - Member termly price £3.50 to £5
 - Member ad hoc price £4.50 to £6.50
 - Non-member termly price £8 to £9.50
 - Non-member ad hoc price £7 to £9.50

Classes

- MH - Monday Beginner's Squash going very well and has been oversubscribed in recent weeks with four non-members consistently attending and around 10 members
- Thursday Team Training – numbers are usually low. Committee agreed that minimum of four attendees signed up needed by 4pm on day of class or it will be cancelled, to avoid paying unnecessary coaching fees. MH to speak to Leon about this as losing income.
- MH – highest proportion of people using courts last month were members (41 court bookings) which is £7.50 for every non-member booking
- 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** – numbers seem steady
- **The committee would like to note there is due consideration to increasing adult charges for squash and racketball**

Social Events - IWD

- International Women's Day on 18th March 2026
- Yoga teacher now booked and is charging £75
- First City are sponsoring event
- Tickets are being sold at £20 each
- Committee asked to spread the word
- Event starting at 6:30pm (arrive at 6:15pm)
- KC and AB to work on goody bags for event

Live Streaming

- Live streaming for events is now all set up
- Proper cameras required – TH to get quotes for cameras (2 cameras needed)
- Committee agreed to use live streaming for all competitions and team matches
- TH – captains need training, as well as consistent team player and some committee members to cover all bases. TH to work on training and look into arranging exhibition matches to help
- MH – live streaming to be fully functional and ready for start of next season with training over the summer

First City Club Championships

- 13th/14th March 2026
- MH to make poster and start advertising
- Trialling new format over 1.5 days
- Bar to be available at courts on the Friday – MH to speak to NP re. Marstons to set up bar for full 2 days – bar team to staff
- Food available on Friday night, food trickier on Saturday due to wedding celebration from 3:30pm onwards. MH / KC to speak to bar team again.
- Rugby is scheduled for the Saturday evening – encouraging members to stay and watch after final match with food and drink – plan to get projector down at courts or similar set-up
- Discussion was had on asking people/sponsors to advertise businesses on the livestream during the day. Suggestion that it could be free for existing sponsors to trial this season and new sponsors to pay. TH to be around to help with livestreaming with support from MH during First City Champs

End of Season Awards

- Friday 17th April 2026
- Suggestion for current World Number 14 to present awards, do Q&A and photo ops. Also, there is the opportunity to charge members to play him on the courts – he can be around from 3pm-ish. However, he is charging £1,000 to attend the event so committee discussed whether this is feasible – no conclusion has been made yet.
- Price of food is £15 so suggestion was made to increase price of ticket to £20 – still under discussion.
- We had 85 people last year, 7pm start

Leagues/Teams

- Warwickshire 1st team are 5th in division 2
- Shropshire 1st team are 3rd with game in hand in division 1
- Staffordshire team are currently 4th
- Shropshire 2nds junior academy team are 10th of 12 in division 2
- Internal leagues are the same as previous month

AOB

- MH asked opinion of committee on whether coaches should be allowed to play in competitions. Committee was split but some members were not at meeting so decision was made to put a voting poll in group chat. After the poll it was agreed that coaches can play in competitions.

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 11th March 2026 @ 18.30