

Minutes of Squash and Racketball Committee Meeting

Wednesday 11th March 2026

Present

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

Apologies

Amelia Bywater (AB), Pete Roberts (PR),

Finance

- There are some issues with the reporting on the financial figures that KC and MH are looking into. KC to speak with Graham and Pam to gain some clarity.
- Increase in junior prices to be communicated to parents next week – MH

Classes

- MH - Monday Beginner's Squash going very well and has been oversubscribed, a new beginners class to be scheduled in from September. MH to increase courts available.
- Thursday Team Training – numbers are usually low. MH to remind Leon to communicate 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. Agreed that this class would finish for the summer in July, possibly restarting in September with a different format.
- 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.

Juniors

- Continued success with the junior programme.
- MH, TP, KC and Leon Smith to meet asap to discuss extra classes from September. MH to arrange a new poster for these as well as holiday camps in the summer.
- KC to arrange another 5000 leaflets to be distributed to local schools in June promoting junior programme as well as holiday camps.

Social Events

- International Women's Day on 18th March 2026, great numbers 37 booked so far. Goody bags have been ordered. ES photoshoot has now been rescheduled to the 18th so they can take pictures of this event also.
- First City Tournament has been postponed due to low numbers, this has been rescheduled to start 7th April to 24th April.
- Awards night is scheduled for 8th May
 - KC to get buffet price from NP
 - KF to draw up list of awards so committee can agree on nominees
 - MH to invite Board
 - Platform are kindly sponsoring the event

Live Streaming

- TH has obtained quotes for cameras, KC to arrange purchase.
- TH to arrange training and look into arranging exhibition matches.

Leagues/Teams

- Warwickshire 1st team are staying in Div 2
- Shropshire 1st team are 3rd with game in hand in division 1, in a great position to win.
- Staffordshire team are currently 4th
- Staffs Cup – quarter final is being played tonight (we won 5-0)
- Shropshire 2nd junior academy team are 10th of 11 in division 2
- Discussions needed about team sponsors for next season
- MH/TH to discuss communications to team players about what is expected when joining a team.
- Internal leagues are the same as previous month

AOB

- A few comments were made about the lack of squash content in social media, KC to speak to NP
- We have been asked to run Staffordshire Squash Cup Finals night on 25th April, we will receive a small fee for court hire.

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 8th April 2026 @ 18.30