



WOLVERHAMPTON LAWN TENNIS AND SQUASH CLUB LIMITED

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

held at WLTS on 16th February 2026

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Minutes	Item & Action	Ownership
1.	Present & Welcome	
	<p>S. Chilvers (SC) (Chairman), G. Loader (GL), J Loader (JL), N. Mynott (NM), N. Prosser (NP), J Hollingsworth (JH), Mark Brown (MB), J Cooper (JC)</p> <p>SC welcomed everyone to the meeting, with particular mention to John Hollingsworth and Mark Brown who have joined the board after the AGM. SC noted that MB has agreed to co-chair the Padel sub-committee with Jag Samra.</p>	
2.	Apologies	
	M. Samra (MS), L. Callaghan-Butler (LC-B), Darren Collinswood (DC), K. Corey (KC)	
3.	Past Minutes	
	<p>Board Meeting 19.01.2026 - The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record.</p> <p>Matters not covered elsewhere:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pothole to be repaired by the pavilion - Still want to relocate the defibrillator to an outdoor position to make it more accessible. Further time is being given to identify a sponsor, but if unsuccessful, will go ahead in March. <p>Executive Committee Meeting 16.02.26 - The meeting was held the afternoon before the Board Meeting. The minutes were circulated prior to the board meeting.</p> <p>Matters not covered elsewhere:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of coaches training and contracts ongoing. <p>AGM Minutes 21.01.26 The minutes were approved as a true record.</p> <p>Follow up actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A role Gregg Davies undertook for the board was to review the WLTS ideas inbox. Less than 10 emails were received throughout the year. Rather than ideas, all the emails were complaints therefore It has been decided to close the ideas email address. • Last year, the team tennis balls were sponsored by Porsche. As no sponsor has been found and it was suggested by Gerry Davies at the AGM that players should contribute towards the costs of home matches. It was agreed that a £5 charge would be introduced. SC to action this with DC. Note: Over 130 tubes of balls are used over the season. 	<p>NP NP</p> <p>SC/DC/NP</p> <p>SC/DC</p>
4.	Safeguarding	JL
	No issues reported.	
5	Health & Safety	All
	No issues reported.	
6.	Finance Report	GL
	GL submitted the Cash Flow Statement and Management accounts.	

7.	General Manager's Report (January)	NP
	<p>Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 new members compared with 5 last year • 21 new pay & play members • MyCourts subscriptions increased £7162 to £9770 • 5 resigning members <p>Bar & Restaurant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trying to reduce labour costs is limited. If providing food you need at least 2 people, one on the bar and one in the restaurant. • Looking to increase food quality. Have found a candidate to fulfil the chef role. • The consensus at the board meeting was to move forward. The follow up interview this Thursday (19/02/26) with a final decision to be made then. • New / reintroduced initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fish & chip Friday ○ Pizza from 1st April • New bar & restaurant furniture is still required at a later date. <p>Marketing</p> <p>Georgia Crowe was brought in to help on social media. She has got her own business and from 1st April she will provide marketing on a contract basis. Her role will include but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media • Weekly newsletter • Sponsorship <p>Georgia will report to the Club Manager.</p> <p>Deadline for feedback on the new website will be required from 16th March. There is a tight turnaround with all final content due back by 19th March.</p> <p>Other topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racketworld will be taking over from HEAD with effect from 1st April. Babolat (tennis), Dunlop (squash). Will set up an open day to present product offerings. • The new vending machine from Sassy will be located in the Padel Pod. Needs a contactless payment system. • NP to arrange a meeting with Sasseys Coffee to discuss his contract going forward. • High volume of complains about the ladies' changing rooms. Pending 2 quotes. 	<p>SC/GL/NP</p> <p>NP/Chairs</p> <p>All</p> <p>NP</p> <p>NP</p> <p>NP</p>
8.	Committee Reports	
	SC stressed that these must be circulated 1 week before the next meeting.	All
8.1	Tennis	DC
	Meeting held 09.02.26. Next meeting 09.03.26 Not discussed as DC was absent.	
8.2	Squash & Racketball	KC
	Meeting held 11.02.26. Next meeting 11.03.26 Not discussed as KC was absent.	
8.3	Padel	MB
	Meeting held 22.01.26. Next meeting 03.03.26 (tbc) MB confirmed progress is good, but we need to get our act together in terms of marketing.	

	<p>105 pay & play visitors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members booking 42 sessions £8/session • The number of member and guest bookings has decreased since October. There is a suspicion that members are bringing guests but booking them in as members. The situation is under review. • CCTV is not working as water has got into the unit and will be repaired/relocated. • Overall – Income is averaging more than £1000/week. • Need increased utilisation during the day. Only 16% women playing padel. • Padel leagues are established. • Pulled back of coach led sessions to free up more court availability, especially at peak times. 	
8.4	Social	LC-B
	No meeting held since the last board meeting.	
8.5	Gym & Fitness	NM
	<p>Meeting held in February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending quote for additional dumbbells. • The lockers in the men’s changing room are being reviewed. Issue with lockers being used for prolonged period of time by members, thus limiting availability. • Register to be in place from 1st March to track numbers. 	<p>NM</p> <p>NM</p>
10.	Any Other Business	
	<p>MB – Has been approached to request a block booking from a group of members to book at prime time for the entire year for a premium lump sum. Not approved.</p> <p>JSC – The LTA has block booked all 3 indoor courts on Sunday afternoon but there is low attendance and there is difficulty obtaining indoor courts for league matches. JSC to take up with DC if they could release a court.</p>	JSC/DC
11.	Dates Of Future Meetings	
	<p>Next meeting: Monday 16th March 6pm</p>	