

Minutes of Squash and Racketball Committee Meeting

Thursday 6th August 2026

Present

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

Not in attendance - Mike Harris (MH)

Finance

- Financials were reviewed
- Good profit from camps
- Only small loss this month

Juniors

- New junior programme ready to go and will kick off on 2nd September
- Mike will be away for first Saturday session so TH will lead this
- Committee discussed need to promote on social media – Georgia has made poster and this needs to be distributed around social media accounts

Girls in Motion

- KC spoke to committee about delaying this until things have settled and we have a new Head Coach in place – committee agreed this is a good idea

Adult Classes

- Adult classes have stopped over the six-week holiday (except for Skills and Drills) and will be relaunching in September
- KC will ask for Beginners Classes to be advertised on gym equipment screens
- JH suggested we also advertise Beginners Classes in Padel Pod
- KC also suggested emailing Pay and Play customers about Beginners Classes – Mike has done this before
- Beginners Classes will restart on 7th September
- Racketball Skills and Drills moved to Friday 4pm (from Monday lunchtime) from January 2026 onwards – **to be kept on minutes and reviewed/monitored each month**

Leagues/Teams

- Warwickshire team currently 3rd place
- Staffs team are 4th place after 5-0 win (only 24 points behind 1st place)
- Team discussed issues with Team Meals after home matches - issue last week where no vegetarian option was provided despite informing the kitchen that a vegetarian option was required – KC to speak to Nikki regarding this

Head of Squash Position

- Committee discussed need for Head Coach – essential for club and department
- Proposed programme for Head Coach and responsibilities/hours was agreed – committee discussed some minor edits and other requirements including different classes to be included
- Camps are to be increased– this will include all school holidays and will increase up to a full 5-day week with coach commitment to 8-hour days
- Lessons over 52 weeks reduced to around 40 weeks to incorporate holiday camps, annual leave, Christmas holidays etc

- Committee also discussed requirement for coach to be available for weekend tournaments and seasonal tournaments
- JH and KC to speak to board about candidates for position

Squash and Sip

- Women's only event to start in September – Squash and Sip night with beginner friendly squash followed by cocktails/mocktails
- Once a month on a Friday night at same time as Squash Mix-In, using end two courts

AOB

- Committee discussed need for squash social media strategy to be improved, particularly when new coach comes into position
- TH to sort out live streaming of training and matches in the bar
- TH and PR to sort out a suitable camera for live streaming to be possible
- 30th September – Mike's last day and leaving do at club

Date of Next Meeting: 9th September @ 6:30 pm