

NORTH WEST COUNTIES SQUASH LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE 45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT WARRINGTON SPORTS CLUB ON TUESDAY 20th MAY 2003 AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Hugall	Chairman
Dave Goulden	General Secretary
Henry Stone	Honorary Legal Advisor & Treasurer
Bud Foster	Division One Representative & Vice President
John Cunningham	Division One Representative Designate
Andrew Nicheas	Chairman of Cheshire
Bernie Gill	Chairman of Lancashire
Andrew Beeston	Chairman of Merseysied & Vice President
Bob Ireland	Vice President
Gordon Nicholson	Vice President
Norman Astbury	Vice President
Anthony Fielden	Vice President
Robert Forde	Vice President
Brian Oswald	Vice President

Apologies were received from President, Graham Horrex, Vice Presidents: Norman Chatburn, Colin Cary, Tony Parker and Robin Barlow.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, John Hugall, who introduced the personnel on the top table and the Vice Presidents. The Chairman also regretfully announced the passing away of Charles Gillow during the year.

There were approx. 80 clubs represented, at some stage, during the evening.

1. Apologies for absence – received from 20 clubs
2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 23rd 2002 were taken as read and approved by the meeting.
3. Matters Arising – There were no matters arising
4. Presentation of Accounts
The Honorary Treasurer, Henry Stone, presented the accounts to the meeting.
Income had reduced by £1000 from the previous year, mainly due to a £600 reduction in interest and a £300 reduction in team fees.

Following the Treasurer's explanation of the Income & Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2003, acceptance of the Treasurer's report and figures were proposed, seconded and duly approved by the meeting.

5. Re-application from associate members
Re-applications were approved from Deeside, Glossop, New Mills and Tollgate.
6. Application from new clubs and additional teams
There were no new club applications and a small number of additional team applications, although further additional team applications will only be fully known at a later date.
7. Rule amendments
Rule 7.7 - Delete current rule and replace with:
7.7 No player may play in the last four league matches of a division unless he or she has played in at least four league matches for that club earlier in the season.

7.8 No player may play in the play-offs for a division unless he or she has played in at least four league matches in that division, or a lower division, for that club earlier in the season.

And renumber current rule 7.8 to 7.9

Proposed by the Committee

Following detailed discussion, the proposed rule change was heavily defeated, with the majority of the club present (>90%) being in favour of retaining rule 7.7 in its current format, along with a dictate that the rule should be fully enforced during the next season.

MOTION: Failed

8. Presentation of Certificates, Trophies & Shields

Our past President, Bob Ireland, carried out the presentations of plaques to the winners of each division that were present at the meeting (24 out of the 30 division section winners).

Plaques, shields and presentation glasses were made to each overall divisional winner by Vice Presidents, Brian Oswald, Anthony Fielden, Robert Forde and Gordon Nicholson.

Mrs Phil Rhodes presented the "Brian Rhodes Memorial Shield" to Division 1 winners The Northern, congratulating them on their close win over rivals Grove Park, who finished with the same number of points, but losing out on the number of matches won.

The Northern (Manchester) were presented with the "Brian Rhodes Memorial Shield and trophies, Chester with the Division 2 shield and trophies,

The Northern 3 with the Divisions 3 shield and trophies,

David Lloyd Manchester 2 with the Division 4 shield and trophies and

Moss Side with the Division 5 shield and trophies

as the overall winners of their division.

9. Election of Officers

President	-	Graham Horrex	Proposed: Preston Grasshoppers Seconded: Warrington
Chairman	-	J.Hugall	Proposed: Warrington Seconded: Prestbury
Treasurer & Hon. Legal Advisor	-	H.Stone	Proposed: East Lincs Seconded: Rochdale

were elected unopposed.

The Chairman also then proposed that John Cunningham, Ged Illot, Robin McIntosh & Bernie Gill should be elected as a Vice Presidents, along with the current VP's, which was accepted by the meeting

10. Any Other Business

Team Captains Meeting – The Chairman gave notice of a team captains meeting to be held during September, before the start of the season, at Warrington Sports Club, to which all clubs are expected to attend.

Web site – some discussion took place on whether the Member Registration should be voluntary or compulsory, the player ranking system and the potential setting up of a IT/Technical Group.

England Squash Membership Scheme – was briefly discussed.

Robert Forde, Titan Sports, had once again kindly donated a squash racket for the draw.

The meeting was drawn to a close by the Chairman at 9.50pm, who thanked Mrs P Rhodes, Vice Presidents and club representatives who had attended, Warrington Sports Club for the use of their premises, Robert Forde for donating the squash racket for the draw.

Dave Goulden
General Secretary to the League