

NORTH WEST COUNTIES SQUASH LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE 55th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT FAIRWAYS LODGE ON TUESDAY 25th JUNE 2013 AT 7.30 PM

Present:

John Hugall	President
Bernie Gill	Chairman
Henry Stone	Honorary Legal Advisor & Treasurer
Dave Goulden	General Secretary
Steve Eccles	Match Secretary
John Cunningham	1 st Division Rep.
Andrew Beeston	President Merseyside SRA
Alan Batchelor	Vice President Cheshire SRA
Norman Astbury	Vice President
Roy Lomas	Vice President
Ian Hargreaves	Vice President

Apologies were received from Vice Presidents: Graham Horrex, Bob Ireland, Colin Cary, Norman Chatburn

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, who began by asking those present to remember John Hindle, John Forrester, Nick Gatward & Danny Boon, who had all passed away during the season.

Following a minute's silence, the Chairman then introduced the personnel on the top table and the Vice Presidents present.

There were approx. 50 clubs represented during the evening.

1. **Apologies for absence** – received from a number of clubs.
2. **Minutes of the previous AGM** held on 24th May 2012, which had been previously circulated to clubs, as well as being available on the website, were taken as read and approved by the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising** –

4. **Presentation of Accounts**

The Honorary Treasurer, Henry Stone, presented the accounts to the meeting, copies of which were made available to representatives attending the meeting.

Income had shown a slight increase of approx. £400 to £13670.

Expenditure showed a slight increase of approx. £150 over the previous year, at around £12970, excluding a reserve of £5000, which had been included for Junior Development to be spent.

Postage, Printing & Stationery fees, including handbooks, had remained constant.

Referees' fees showed an increase of £350 over last year.

Promotional expenses, including the website, had decreased by £40 over the previous year.

A reserve for Trophies, similar to last year had been included, since the invoice had yet to be received.

Play-Off Finals (net contributions) had decreased by £150.

County grants had remained the same at £8000.

Secretarial Honorariums had increased by £200, which was now shared between the General & Match Secretaries

This all resulted in a deficit of £4300 for the year, as a result of the £5000 reserve for Junior Development.

The General Accumulated Fund decreased from just over £38,300 to just over £34,000.

The Treasurer thanked the auditor, Simon Westhead for auditing the accounts on our behalf.

Following the Treasurer's explanation of the Income & Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2011, acceptance of the Treasurer's report and figures were proposed, seconded and duly approved by the meeting.

The re-election of the Auditor, Simon Westhead, was also approved by the meeting.

5. **Re-application from associate members**

The General Secretary informed the meeting that 5 of the existing Associate Members had now gained full membership of the NWCSL following the amendment to the Constitution at the 2012 AGM. These clubs are Deeside, Glossop, New Mills, Tollgate & Wrexham Brymbo.

There were two existing Associate Members seeking re-application, Buxton & Saints, which were voted on separately by the meeting and both approved.

There was a new application from Le-Sport Health & Fitness, Colwyn Bay, to enter 1 team into the League. The Le-Sport representative was given an opportunity to address the meeting

6. **Application from new clubs and additional teams**

There had been three applications from new clubs, 3-1-5 Squash Club (Lancaster), which would contain some players/teams from the Vale of Lune & David Lloyd Speke, who had previously been a member of the NWCSL. One club, Saints, had indicated that they would be entering an additional team. There may be other, but it was unknown at this stage.

7. **Constitution and Rule Alterations**

Proposition 1 to move the 1st Division back to a Thursday evening failed, hence the proposed changes to Rules 5.3, 7.2, 9.1 & 10 covering this move were not put to the meeting.

Proposition 2 covering both other rules and the rules if proposition 1 failed were passed following discussion.

Rule 7.3(ii) part(a)

Delete the words "within Lancashire, Cheshire or Merseyside" and replace with "within the County of any club in the 1st Division"

New Rule 9.2

Clubs can agree to start a match at 7.30pm provided that the home club makes two courts available for the duration of the match. At least four players from each side should be present by this time.

Rule 10

Rule 10.1 If a visiting team has to travel more than 20 miles from its club to the home club, the home club should try to make two courts available for the match.

New Rule 10.2 If a visiting team has to travel more than 40 miles from its club to a home club outside the boundaries of Cheshire, Lancashire and Merseyside, the home club must make two courts available for the match.

8. **Presentation of Shields/Trophies**

At the Play-Off Finals for Division 2 to 5, only the Division Shields and individual player trophies had been presented.

All the Division section winners were presented at the meeting, including the Division One Shield and individual player trophies:

Div 5C Bowdon 6	Div 5CS Woolston 3	Div 5N YMCA Thornton 3
Div 5NE Blackburn Northern 4	Div 5S Alderley Edgte 4	Div 5SE Hyde 4

Overall Winners of Division 5 - Div 5SW Mollington Banastre

Div 4C Bowdon 5	Div 4E Monton 1	Div 4N Blackpool CC 2
Div 4S Alderley Edge 3	Div 4SE Grove Park 5	Div 4SW Winsford 1
Div 4W Northern Crosby 3	Div 4NW Southport & Birkdale 3	

Overall Winners of Division 4 - Division 4NW – East Lincs 3

Div 3CN South Shore 1	Div 3NE Wigan Squash 3	Div 3NW Northern Crosby 1
Div 3SE Alderley Edge 2	Div 3SW Saints 2	

Overall Winners of Division 3 - Division 3CS – David Lloyd Cheadle 1

Div 2C Vale of Lune 1	Div 2E Brooklands 1
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Overall Winners of Division 2W – Wrexham Brymbo 1

Division One - Bowdon

Division section shields were presented by Vice President, Norman Astbury, to each of the Clubs or collected by a representative from one of the other clubs present.

Vice President & President of Merseyside SRA, Andrew Beeston, made the presentations to the 1st Division Champions, Bowdon, for whom, Nick Murrills, spoke briefly about Bowdon achievement and thanking the NWCSL Committee for their work organising and running the league.

A presentation was also made to the retiring 1st Division Representative, John Cunningham, by our President, John Hugall, after 10 years as the 1st Division Representative and over 30 continuous years as a Divisional Representatives for the NWCSL

Outstanding Shields to be collected by clubs from General Secretary

3 Central South – David Lloyd Cheadle 1

3 North East – Wigan Squash 3

4 East – Monton 1

5 South East – Hyde 4

9. Election of Officers

With there being no other nominations and all the current officers prepared to stand, the following were proposed, seconded and elected unopposed.

President	-	J Hugall
Chairman	-	B Gill
Treasurer & Hon. Legal Advisor	-	H.Stone
General Secretary	-	D Goulden
Match Secretary	-	S Eccles

Vice Presidents: All the current Vice Presidents were re-elected.

County Representative: All County Representatives were re-elected.

Divisional Representatives: All current Divisional Representatives were re-elected, with any new Divisional Representatives to be co-opted.

10. Sponsorship

Currently, there is no major sponsorship deal being considered, although if anyone knew of potential sponsors, they were asked to contact the Committee.

11. Any Other Business

Team Captains Meeting for 2013

The team captains meeting for 2013/2014 was confirmed for Monday 2nd September 2013 at Alford Sports & Social Club, Warrington.

League stationery would be handed out at this meeting and clubs should make sure that team captains and/or club representatives do attend or make arrangements for a representative from a local club near them to collect it on their behalf.

Other details to follow later

The meeting was drawn to a close by the Chairman at approx. 9.15pm, thanking the club representatives, who had attended, Fairways Lodge for the use of their premises and the Vice Presidents for attending.

General Secretary