

**MINUTES OF THE 60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
WARRINGTON SQUASH CLUB WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY 2018 COMMENCING AT 7.40 PM**

Present:

John Hugall	President
Josh Taylor	Chairman
Henry Stone	Treasurer & Vice President
Nick Murrills	Hon. Legal Advisor
Geoff Walton	General Secretary & Match Secretary
Alan Batchelor	Chairman Cheshire SRA
Norman Astbury	Vice President
Andrew Beeston	Vice President
Alan Edge	Vice President
Joss Garvey	Referee Co-ordinator & Vice President

1. Introduction

The meeting was opened by the Chairman with the following address:

We have come a long way this season. At times not all visible growth but behind the scenes plenty going on that I think you will see as we move into next season.

We have looked to develop our infrastructure, and positive development in the sport. We are investing in a new website due to go live at the start of next season which takes us into the 21st century and brings with it potential revenue in sponsorship and advertising. We have taken a key look into our sponsorship offering and also our staffing structure to achieve what we set out to.

In terms of development we have looked to be proactive in investing in county programmes, and deserving club opportunities and events.

Coming up we will be taking a closer look at our season and how the structure of the league works to aim to bring more big moments and moments to savour.

Finally and most importantly I would like to thank my committee. Thanks to Henry Stone for his many years of service who is stepping down as treasurer and of course Geoff Walton who has put an immense effort into developing the league this year. Of course it would be remiss of me to not welcome the three new members joining the committee who have already helped and I know will continue to help develop this league, our sport and the North West further.

There were 67 clubs represented during the evening.

Alderley Edge, Alsager, Barnton, Bollington, Bowdon, Bridgefield, Brooklands, Bury, Buxton, Capitol Squash, Cheetham Hill, Cheshire Officers, Chester Rugby, City of Manchester, Clayton Gre.,

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the match to the Match Secretary. The Committee or one of its sub-committees will decide on whether any penalty

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Proposed 4.1.1

Clubs must select and pl

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player is required to move up to a higher Division than the one he or she normally plays in.

Not Passed 11 For 56 Against

Rule 4.1.3 Proposed and delivered by Warrington Squash Club

If any team in a club shall not have a match on the relevant day, the club in question shall select available players for that team as though it has a match so that the order of merit of other teams is maintained. Players, who have not played in the past 4 league matches, should not to be included, unless permission has been given by the Match Secretary

Proposed 4.1.3

If any team in a club shall not have a match on the relevant day, the club in question shall select available players for that team as though it has a match so that the order of merit of other teams is maintained. Players, who have not played in the past 2 league matches, should not to be included, unless permission has been given by the Match Secretary

Not Passed 3 For 64 Against.

Rule 4.1.4 Proposed and delivered by Warrington Squash Club

A Player, who has played all or greater than 75 percentage of his or her matches for a higher team, shall not be allowed to play for a lower team when the higher team does not have a match without the permission of the Match Secretary.

Proposed Rule 4.1.4

A Player, who has played all or greater than 50 percentage of his or her matches for a higher team, shall not be allowed to play for a lower team when the higher team does not have a match without the permission of the Match Secretary.

Not Passed 4 For 63 Against.

Rule 7 Eligibility of Players:

Rule 7.3 Proposed and delivered by Warrington Squash Club

Any team in Division 1 must play at least three Home Players in each league match. A Home Player shall be defined as a player who, on the date the league match takes place, either

(i) is eligible to play for Cheshire, Lancashire or Merseyside; or has been born in one of these Counties; or

(ii) has been a bona fide member of the club which he or she represents in the relevant league match and has also resided either (a) within the County of any club in Division 1 or (b) within a radius of 15 miles of that club in each case for a continuous period of more than 12 months immediately preceding the time at which the relevant league match takes place (such periods for qualification to apply, for the avoidance of doubt, to both membership and residence).

(iii) Any player who has qualified as a home player for any club in the NWCSL for a minimum of 2 seasons can retain that status when moving to a new club in the NWCSL the following season. NOTE: To retain home player qualification, a player must be playing continuously in the NWCSL on a year by year basis, as well as playing a minimum number of matches in a season, which will be decided by the committee at the start of each new season.

Proposed 7.3

Remove Rule

Not Passed 11 For 56 Against.

Rule 7.5 Proposed and delivered by Warrington Squash Club

No player may play in a league match after 31st December in any season without the permission of the sub-committees duly designated for determining the eligibility of players, unless he or she has already played in a league match where its application would mean that

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the team concerned cannot raise five players.

Proposed 7.5

Remove Rule

Not Passed 6 For 61 Against.

Rule 8.1 Proposed By NWCSL Committee

(i) Where a match has been played, both teams must send their scorecards including full details of the results of the match in writing signed by both match captains; and

(ii) Where a match is a walkover under Rule 6, the team claiming the walkover must send full details of the circumstances of the walkover;

in each case to the appropriate divisional representative and, in the case of (ii) only, also to the Match Secretary, so as to be received by the divisional representative and, where also required, the Match Secretary within 6 days after the match has been or ought to have been played, unless agreed with either the Divisional Representative and, where appropriate, the Match Secretary. Scorecards in relation only to matches played can be returned on a less frequent basis, when a team is entering its results every week on the website within 72 hours of the match being played. Any team not notifying the divisional representative within the prescribed period may be awarded no points and may be liable to a fine, both at the discretion of the Committee or any one of its duly designated Sub-committees.

Proposed Rule 8.1

(i) Where a match has been played,

the result of the match is completed, signed by both captains and posted on the NWCSL website; and

(i) Where a match is a walkover under Rule 6, the team claiming the walkover must send full details of the circumstances of the walkover;

in each case to the appropriate divisional representative and, in the case of (ii) only, also to the Match Secretary, so as to be received by the divisional representative and, where also required, the Match Secretary within 6 days after the match has been or ought to have been played, unless agreed with either the Divisional Representative and, where appropriate, the Match Secretary. Scorecards in relation only to matches played can be returned on a less frequent basis, when a team is entering its results every week on the website within 72 hours of the match being played. Any team not notifying the divisional representative within the prescribed period may be awarded no points and may be liable to a fine, both at the discretion of the Committee or any one of its duly designated Sub-committees.

Passed Unanimously

Rule 2 Scoring

Rule 2.2 Proposed By Bollington

Each game in Divisions 1, 2, and 3 shall be played to 11 points, except that if the score reaches 10-all, the game continues until one player leads by 2 points.

2.3 Each game in all other Divisions shall be played to 15 points, except that if the score reaches 14-all, the game continues until one player leads by 2 points.

Proposed Rule 2.2

Each game in Divisions 1, 2, 3, **4 and 5** shall be played to 11 points, except that if the score reaches 10-all, the game continues until one player leads by 2 points.

Remove Rule 2.3

Not Passed 27 For 40 Against.

An amendment to rule 1.1 was withdrawn.

Constitution - Rule 4.8

The Annual General Meeting shall appoint a suitably qualified auditor.

Constitution - Proposed Rule 4.8

The Annual General Meeting **or a General Meeting** shall appoint a suitably qualified auditor.

Passed Unanimously

9. Election of Officers

Current Officers

Following the resignation of Steve Eccles in August 2017 Geoff Walton took on both the role of General Secretary and Match Secretary. The Chairman felt that the roles should again be separated and as the majority of the General Secretaries role was administration and the more time consuming position was Match Secretary Geoff Walton would continue to be Match Secretary and the position of General Secretary would move to someone else. Stephen Horabin (Bowdon) was nominated and elected unopposed.

position from James Marengi (Monton) James Marengi was elected unopposed.

Richard Lawler was elected as an ordinary member unopposed

Paul Lane resigned as Ordinary Member.

There were no other nominations, the current officers prepared to stand, the following were proposed, seconded

President	-	John Hugall
Hon. Legal Advisor	-	Nick Murrills

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

County Representative: Chair or as proposed by County (to be informed by County) were re-elected.

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

The new Auditor would be nominated and voted on at the EGM prior to the Team Captains Meeting.

10. 10. Presentation of Shields/Trophies

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

All the Division section winners were presented at the meeting, along with all 5 of the Division Winners Shield and individual player trophies for Division 1:

Div 5C Moss Side 2	Div 5SE Stockport 2	Div 5SW Chester Ruby 2	Div 5CW Barton CC 2
Div 5NE Bury 3	Div 5S Alderley Edge 6	Div 5N YMCA Thornton 2	

Overall Winners of Division 5 – Division 5NE Bury 3

Div 4C Woolston	Div 4E Markland Hill 1	Div 4NE Clayton Green 1	Div 4NW Capitol Squash 2
Div 4S Radbroke Hall 1	Div 4SE Village Hyde 1	Div 4W Cheshire Officers 2	Div 4N St Annes 2

Overall Winners of Division 4 - Division 4SE – Village Hyde 1

Div 3CN Leyland Leisure 1	Div 3CS Grove Park 2	Div 3NW Xaverian 1
Div 3SE Knutsford Sports 1	Div 3SW Wrexham Brymbo 3	Div 3NE David Lloyd North Lancashire

Overall Winners of Division 3 - Division 3CS – Grove Park 2

Div 2C Rochdale CLS 1	Div 2W Neston 1	Div 2E Bowdon 2
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Overall Winners of Division 2 – Division 2C – Rochdale CLS 1

Division One Champions – Warrington

Division section plaques, Overall Division Winners Shields and Division 1 individual player trophies were presented by the President, John Hugall to each of the Clubs present.

On behalf of the Division 1 Champions, Warrington, Andy Whipp (the Warrington Squash Captain) accepted the Division 1 Shield and spoke on behalf Warrington.

The Overall Division Winners Shields were accepted on behalf of their clubs by:

Division 2	Rochdale CLS 2	Steve Spedding
Division 3	Grove Park 2	Alastair Atkinson
Division 4	Village Hyde 1	Najam Majid
Division 5	Bury 3	Fred Pressler

11. Any Other Business

Geoff Walton reminded the clubs that the NWCSL Constitution states that clubs must have paid their England Squash Affiliation fees prior to the first game of the 2018 / 2019 season. Clubs that have not paid their England Squash Affiliation fees on or before this date will be penalised in accordance with 3.7 of the NWCSL Constitution. The penalty points deducted will not be reinstated

The Chairman closed the meeting at approximately 9pm

Geoff Walton
17th June 2018