



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BRYMBO S&SC

18 May 2009

• **Members in attendance:**

Mark Davies, Jim Tunley, Kevin Jones, Sian Hughes, Margaret Meadowcroft, Gareth Williams, Geraint Jones, Dafydd Roberts, John Hampstead, Garry Fisher, Chris Lucas, Pam Hough and Craig Stevens.

• **Apologies received from:**

Darren Booth, Helen Massey, Ian Humphreys, Hannah Davies, Mannon Goddard, Rachel Cooper and Ian Davies.

1. Note of the AGM held on 20 May 2008

Subject to the inclusion of Chris Lucas and Pam Hough in attendance, these were confirmed as a correct record.

2. Chairman's Report

Mark Davies presented his report on what had been an eventful second year for the Club, with a number of significant changes and progress within the club. The following elements were highlighted:

Our membership now exceeds 100 members, including individual seniors and juniors as well as family members and enquiries are still received on a regular basis. New members find the Club partly by recommendation but also via the Club's website which has been developed over the last year by Jim Tunley. This has greatly increased the profile of our Club and has served to provide up-to-date information for existing members on what is going on within the Club. It will be important to maintain this and members are encouraged to submit information.

Following a successful 3 month trial of an on-line booking system, the Committee took the decision to go forward and commit to continue with this arrangement. This initiative together with our website has been fundamental to our progress this year.

Court and general maintenance is essential in the Club and work this year has included the repair and repainting of one court. Plans are also being made to look at the front wall of our second court, for repair and repainting, probably in June this year.

The Club has employed a cleaner this year, to come in once a fortnight to keep the place clean and tidy. We also hope to make a start at improving the shower facilities in the coming year, especially in the men's area, but for this we will need to liaise with the Cricket Section.

The internal leagues continue to be keenly played and members were encouraged to play all their games each month, to avoid them being taken out one month and back in at a subsequent month.

The North West Counties Teams have had contrasting seasons. The **Ladies Teams** have done very well in the 2nd Division with the 1st Team finishing second, just missing promotion on the last game of the season, while the 2nd Team finished mid way in the table.

The **Men's Team** suffered all season with injuries and old age and, due to a restructuring of the Leagues, we are currently awaiting the decision on whether or not the Club has been relegated.

The **North Wales Leagues Teams** all finished in respectable positions and many thanks are due to **Paul Gowing** for all his help with our **Junior Team**. Our juniors, both girls and boys, played in the North Wales Leagues making their step up to senior squash and all performed very well. Congratulations go to **Perry, Alice, Emily** and **Aled**.

Our **structured programme of Junior Coaching** continues to go well and we have recently encouraged two newly qualified coaches in **Darron Hewitt** and **Hannah Davies** - both are now contributing on a regular basis to the coaching sessions.

A steady number of new young people come into the Club's Coaching arrangements through the **Wrexham Schools Squash Programme**, which continues with support from Squash Wales. Particular thanks go to Margaret Meadowcroft who has taken on a Schools Liaison role on behalf of the Club.

A new initiative to encourage **Adult Squash Improvement** within the Club recently commenced with 15 willing participants - all have acknowledged their poor playing habits but all are also prepared to have a go to correct these problems – to improve their squash and their fitness.

3. Finance Report

The report was presented by Kevin Jones who advised the meeting that at 30 April 2009 the Club's balance stood at £4,133.79. This excluded £2,000 retained on Deposit but included funds that were ring-fenced to either specific junior or coaching expenditure.

Members received an audited set of accounts and the Treasurer provided a summary of the various elements. Balances were described as reasonably healthy, though there was need to maintain a steady base level given the likely future maintenance and to provide the blocks for potential future developments and other commitments envisaged.

The meeting received a recommendation from the Club's Committee to the effect that Member Subscriptions for 2009-2010 be retained at their current levels for the three categories – Senior, Junior and Family. The Committee also recommended, however, that the court light fees be increased by £1.00 per 45 minute session.

It was agreed:

- (1) With effect from 1 June 2009, subscriptions for the ensuing year will be:
Senior - £60;
Junior (in full time education) - £30 or £50 for 2 children from same family;
Family (2 adults and children) - £90.
[Subscriptions are due for payment by no later than 30 June 2009]

- (2) With effect from Tuesday, 19 May 2009 the cost to purchase a court light card will be increased to £3.00 for a 45 minute session.

4. Election of Officers of the Club for 2009-2010

The following were elected:

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| Chairman | - | Mark Davies |
| Secretary | - | Jim Tunley |
| Treasurer | - | Kevin Jones |
| Team Reps | - | Garry Fisher, Sian Hughes |

Schools Liaison - Margaret Meadowcroft
Maintenance - Gareth Williams
Ordinary Members - Craig Stevens, Geraint Jones.

4. Open Forum

- (1) NWCSL – there was concern that we should retain an interest in a Team in this League regardless of the outcome of the reorganisation and our potential relegation. It was agreed that, if possible, the Club would be represented at the NWCSL's AGM later in the week.
- (2) Future developments – it was agreed that a tentative approach be made to both the Sports Council for Wales and Squash Wales around funding potential if the Club wished to consider a third court. A subsequent approach would also need to be made to the Brymbo Directors, for their support.
- (3) It was suggested that while the recent improvement to the driveway and car park be welcomed, this is merely a temporary measure and that further remedial action will be required.
- (4) Presentation Evening on Friday, 19 June at the Sports & Social Club – tickets are now available for this social event that will acknowledge the achievements of our Teams and Juniors. All are encouraged to attend and, if possible, submit a raffle prize.

Jim Tunley
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