



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BRYMBO S&SC

10 May 2010

• **Members in attendance:**

Mark Davies, Jim Tunley, Kevin Jones, Mannon Goddard, Gareth Williams, Garry Fisher and Rob Evans.

• **Apologies received from:**

Sian Hughes, Geraint Jones, Helen Massey and Margaret Meadowcroft.

1. Note of the AGM held on 18 May 2009

These were confirmed as a correct record.

2. Chairman's Report

Mark Davies presented his report on what had been another eventful (third) year for the Club, with good progress being made both on the squash and other areas of the Club. The following elements were highlighted:

Our **membership** remains steady at around 100 members, including individual seniors and juniors as well as family members with enquiries still received on a regular basis. Some are through recommendation but also via the **Club's website** which continues to provide a positive profile for the Club. The success of our **on-line booking system** has also been fundamental to our progress this last year

Court and general maintenance is essential in the Club, however, the remedial work on Court 2 has not been sufficient and further work may require a complete replastering. This will be an expensive job and will need to be done by a specialist firm. It is hoped that some support for this essential work may come from the Brymbo Directors. Earlier condensation problems should be eased with the installation of a new fan on Court 1 and the court floors are now being brushed and mopped on a more regular basis.

Talks are on-going to see if the **Men's Changing Room** could be upgraded. The Cricket Section fully support the move and a report has been recently considered by the Brymbo Directors, who have now requested further details and costs. The Ladies Changing Room has not been forgotten in this but they are not in quite the same sorry state.

The **North West Counties Teams** had a brilliant season. The **Ladies 1st Team** did so well in the 2nd Division finishing as Champions and gain promotion to the top flight of women's squash in the North West. The down side, however, was that the Ladies 2nd Team were unable to fulfil their fixtures and had to withdraw from the League early in the season.

The **Men's Team** also had a brilliant year and, as well as winning their Division, went on to compete in a play-off situation to get through to the Final Play-off against Crow Wood from Burnley. A mighty team performance saw our team win the Final match 5-0 and become Division 4 Champions. **Neil Rawlings** also picked up the Division's "Player of the Season" Award.

The three **North Wales Leagues Teams** all finished in respectable positions in their respective divisions and thanks again to the Team Captains for their efforts during the year, particularly to **Paul Gowing** for his help with our **Junior Team**.

Our **structured programme of Junior Coaching** continues strong with a number of very promising young players coming through – **Thomas Hewitt, Perry Shoemark, Emily Jones, Llinos Evans** and **Hannah Davies** all represented North Wales in the Inter Counties series this year. Individual winners were **Perry Shoemark** (Miudtown Under 15s) and **Hannah Philpot** (Midtown Under 11s Girls).

Hannah Davies has had a super year- she reached the French Open Under 17 Girls Final, finishing second and later won the Swiss Open Championship. Recently, Hannah was in the successful Welsh Under 19 Squad that took second place in the European Championships in Vienna. She has also won the British Colleges Squash Championships on behalf of Yale College.

A number of new young players have joined the Club's Coaching arrangements through the **Wrexham Schools Squash Programme**, which continues with support from Squash Wales. In particular this last year has been the successful collaboration with Deiniol School, Marchwiel.

The Chairman concluded by thanking members of the Committee for their on-going support during the past year and to all coaches for their work in helping achieve an excellent reputation for the Club within the squash fraternity.

3. Finance Report

The report was presented by Kevin Jones who advised the meeting that at 30 April 2010 the Club's balance stood at £5,385.93. This excluded £4,020 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 2010-2011 be retained at their current levels for the three categories – Senior, Junior and Family. The Committee also recommended that the court light fees should be held at current levels i.e. £3.00 per 45 minute session.

It was agreed:

(1) With effect from 1 June 2010, 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) The cost to purchase a court light card will be maintained at £3.00 for a 45 minute session.

4. Election of Officers of the Club for 2010-2011

The following were elected:

Chairman	-	Mark Davies
Secretary	-	Jim Tunley
Treasurer	-	Kevin Jones
Assistant Treasurer	-	Mannon Goddard
Team Reps	-	Garry Fisher, Sian Hughes and Rob Evans

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

5. Open Forum

- (1) **Team Meeting** – it was agreed to call a meeting for all who may have an interest in playing in the Teams next season, in particular to address any issues around the recent promotions and how players commitment may be affected. This will take place in June on a date to be circulated.
- (2) **Adult Coaching** – the question was if this should start again. Some people prefer the individual coaching situation and for others a Club Night type environment may be better. It was agreed to trial a Club Night during the summer and for pre-season.
- (3) **Club Tournament** – the meeting considered such an event over a weekend (not handicapped but the top players seeded) perhaps with the Final being played on the same day as a Presentation Evening. This would be run in parallel with a Junior Tournament (on ability not age).
It was agreed – Rob Evans will work on the Club Tournament and the Coaches will be asked to sort out arrangements for the Junior Tournament. A small entry fee of £2.00 per player was considered reasonable.
- (4) **Maintenance issues** – it was agreed a court lock needs to be fixed on Court 1; also that the door between the changing rooms and the courts should be kept locked shut at all times – this follows the recent removal of the monthly leagues from the noticeboard.
- (5) **North Wales Junior Squash Commission** – the meeting heard that the Club was represented on this new group by Mark Davies (as Chairman) and Jim Tunley (as NE Wales representative). The group will be the Squash Wales link into all junior squash matters within the region.
- (6) **Glyndwr University** – an approach has been made by the University to the Sports and Social Club for use of facilities by staff and students. It was understood that anyone using the Squash Club's facilities will need to become a member.
- (7) **Asda** – the Club has signed up as a partner in the Asda Sporting Chance Scheme, which is designed to encourage young people into sport. Any approach to the Club for use of the Squash facilities would need to be by prior arrangement and with one of the Club's coaches.