



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BRYMBO S&SC

13 May 2013

- **Members in attendance:**

Mark Davies, Jim Tunley, Kevin Jones, Geraint Jones, Hannah Davies, Darren Lee, Dave Thomas, Mike Povey, Rob Evans, Kevin Lloyd and Julie Lloyd.

- **Apologies received from:**

Mannon Goddard, Pam Hough, Mike Thomas, Jonathan Davies, Craig Stevens and John Hamstead.

1. **Note of the AGM held on 14 May 2012**

The notes were confirmed as a correct record.

2. **Matters Arising**

- (1) Racketball – there was an offer from Wales Squash & Racketball (WSRB) to host an evening at the Club which would comprise a demonstration game.
- (2) Drive down to the Club – through our membership, aggregate had been delivered to the Complex; it now needed to be utilised.
- (3) Daytime League – this had not developed as hoped, to encourage greater play during the day.
- (4) Circuits – Hannah agreed to look into the possibility of re-introducing a series of circuits again during July and August. There may also be separate sessions for Men and Women.

3. **Chairman's Report**

Mark presented his report which again identified many positives from the past year. The following elements were highlighted:

Nick Gatwood, a talented local squash player had passed away in April and is sadly missed.

Maintenance: a significant expense was required in September for the whole front wall of Court 2 to be re-plastered by a specialist firm. Work was also carried out on Court 1 as well as some floor repairs on both courts. The renovations had brought the courts up to a very good standard.

Membership: this continues to remain stable with new members joining throughout the year. The Club has over 100 members but we will need to maintain a steady increase to keep the Club on a sound financial footing. The **On-line Court Booking System** and our **Club Website** continue to be important elements for existing and prospective members.

The Club has been making preliminary enquiries regarding a third court and this again may help boost our membership. The pressure on **court availability** is not helped by some members either cancelling courts very late in the day or simply failing to turn up and is something the Committee will need to monitor.

The number of monthly **internal leagues** has been maintained from last year and we again introduced a Sunday evening **Club Night** over the winter months, with limited success.

Teams: sponsored by *Carlsberg* (thanks to Hannah), the Club enjoyed one of its most successful seasons in 2012-13. In the **North West Counties Leagues** (NWCSL) our **First Team** won their Division 2 league with two matches to spare and went on to take the Division 2 Regional title. The Club now faces the tough decision on whether or not to take the promotion to the top division.

This season we entered a **Second Team** in the NWCSL – they finished second in Division 4 and are promoted to Division 3.

In the **North Wales Leagues** have had mixed fortunes. The **First Team** comfortably won Division 1, while the **Second Team** struggled all season and were relegated to Division 2.

Our **Third Team**, however, had a superb season to gain promotion from Division 3 to Division 2. An important element to the third team were the contributions made by two of our junior players, Aled Goddard and Jack Hayes, as well as some other who were getting their first taste of teams squash.

The First Team also reached the **North Wales Plate Final** where they beat Deeside 1 at Chester Rugby Club.

Mark thanked the work of all team captains, in particular Aleks Stojanovic, who is soon to leave the area. Everyone was reminded that a **Teams Meeting** to consider next season will be held at the Sports Club on **20 May at 7.30 pm**.

Junior Coaching The Club's Monday Coaching programme has continued throughout the year, complimented by a Friday evening Area Performance Centre (this by invitation to those of a better standard). As last year, however, a continuing issue for us is that many of our juniors simply do not play enough squash away from their coaching - once a week is not sufficient to improve their game.

The **Wrexham Schools Squash Programme** continues with support from WSRB and the Wrexham Council' Sports Development Team. The Mini Squash Experience gives pupils the opportunity to develop their basic racket skills and is very popular with local Primary Schools. Assisting this work has been further development of the existing **partnership arrangement** with Glyndwr University and the individual inputs from some students.

Notable Achievements

Hannah Davies – recently helped the Wales Ladies Team maintain their status in the top division at the 2013 European Team Championships in Amsterdam.

Nia Johnson (age 11) – is an up and coming junior who was part of the North Wales Under 13 Team that won the Trophy Final in the English Inter Counties series.

The **Club Championships** are scheduled for June this year, with the Finals to be played on the Saturday 29th June, followed by a presentation event in the Sports & Social Club.

Mark's report concluded with his personal thanks to everyone who has helped with the successful running of the Club throughout the year.

4. Finance Report

Kevin Jones presented the Treasurer's report advising the meeting that at 30 April 2013 the Club's balance stood at £10,696.14. This excluded the funds 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 healthy, though there was need to maintain a steady base level for possible future maintenance and to provide the necessary blocks for potential future developments

The meeting received a recommendation from the Club's Committee to the effect that Member Subscriptions for 2013-2014 be retained at their current levels for the three categories – Senior, Junior / Student 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.

Projecting further ahead and following a positive response from the Brymbo Sports Club Directors (in gauging their view on a potential third court on the site) the Committee had obtained some drawings for three possible options; these would now be discussed with the Directors before proceeding further.

It was agreed:

- (1) With effect from 1 June 2013, subscriptions for the ensuing year will be:
Senior - £60;
Junior / Student (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 2012]

- (2) The cost to purchase a court light card will be maintained at £3.00 for a 45 minute session.

5. Club Constitution

No amendments to the Constitution had been submitted.

6. Election of Officers of the Club for 2013-2014

The following were elected:

Chairman	-	Mark Davies
Secretary	-	Jim Tunley
Treasurer	-	Kevin Jones
Assistant Treasurer	-	Mannon Goddard
Team Representative	-	Rob Evans
Junior Representative	-	Hannah Davies
Schools Liaison & CWO	-	Jim Tunley
Ordinary Members	-	Geraint Jones and Darren Lee

7. Consideration of Honorary Membership

In acknowledging the work of our Assistant Treasurer, it was agreed **Mannon Goddard** be made an Honorary Member for the ensuing year.

8. Open Forum

- (1) **Court brush / cleaner** – it was suggested that a large folding court cleaner would be a good investment which may encourage members to assist with maintaining clean courts.
It was agreed to look into this.
- (2) **Handicap Tournament** –There was a call for a Club Handicap Tournament to help engender a good mix for members. We do already run the Christmas Fast & Furious Tournament, which is a handicap arrangement.
It was agreed to give some further thought to the suggestion and when best during the year the Tournament may take place.