

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held on Wednesday 27th November 2019**

Present:

Doug Old, Kim Wilshaw, Sarah Goodwin, Maryla Gledhill, Connie Applebe, John Cockill, Derek Smyth, Jeremy Bamforth, Guy Williams, , Steve Osborne, Julian Holmes, Tim Munns, Ed Bennison, Brian Manson, Barry Wilkinson, Martin McPherson, David Ball, Vivienne Ball, Matt Ferguson, Gemma Ferguson, John Wigley and Stephen Widdison.

Apologies:

Ed Connell, Gillian Binns, Mr and Mrs Rankin.

Minutes of previous meeting, held on 28th November 2018:

Acceptance – proposed by: Sarah Goodwin
Seconded by: Tim Munns
Approved: Unanimously.

Matters arising:

None.

Chairman's report:

Introduction

So, firstly welcome to the 2019 AGM of Collingham and Linton Squash and Racketball Club

It is a buoyant time for the Club, a potentially exciting time for the Club and without doubt a challenging time for the Club, all of which will be alluded to over the next 15 to 20 minutes.

First – Squash

I'd like to start by recording the thanks of all the squash players for Ed Connell's efforts to keep the mini-leagues running efficiently for the last year. As we gain more players to the Club, we have seen a significant expansion in the leagues over the last 12 months after several years of gradual decline. There are 11 leagues this month. Ed's duties to be passed this month to Pete Russell.

In respect of team squash, we maintain 5 in the Harrogate and District League, and one in the North Yorkshire League.

We have not encouraged inter-club team squash for a couple of seasons due to court pressure, but hopefully that can change in 2020-21.

Those that play in the leagues will now be seeing a good representation of junior players in the league, a sign of a prosperous Club and of course the work of our three qualified coaches. All who have increased their qualifications this last year. Alex Hodgetts, Connie, and who says you can't teach old dogs new tricks !!

Turning to:

Racketball

So again, a couple of thankyou's, firstly to John Cockill for his efforts to keep the mini-leagues running efficiently for the last year. That batten has now passed to Jeremy Bamforth. As with squash, extra members mean growing mini league numbers. There are 18 this month. Which leads me on to a special thankyou to Connie Appelbe who relentlessly recruits new players to the Club, embraces them in the Club and has expanded the offerings to ladies.

John and Connie have also continued to run the Wetherby U3A sessions on Monday and Tuesday mornings. These sessions are very well attended and have generated a significant number of new members for the club.

Club Tournaments

A lot of you came to see the Club finals last Sunday and with 18 finals over the weekend it again provided some entertaining and compelling matches. I will put the results on the noticeboards as soon as possible.

Juniors

The Junior section is thriving. We continue with well-supported Junior Mini-leagues with lots of juniors playing in those leagues. We are also the envy of the majority of clubs in the area and beyond, with over 40 juniors attending our Friday night sessions. If there is a good indication of success now and for the future, it is the strength of the Juniors.

But it is not just about quantity, there is quality as well. More are now playing in external tournaments, with several finishing up as winners; for example this weekend James Townley won an U11 tournament in Manchester, whilst Holly Shepherd (our newly crowned ladies champion) travelled north to win an U15 tournament in

Newcastle. Those two along with Will Holmes were playing in county colours a few weeks ago as well.

Financial Report:

In Ed's absence Stephen then gave the treasurer's report.

On the financial the key thing is that membership is growing and bookings are growing marginally, why, because with only three courts there is a limit to the bookings we can take. The full accounts will be presented at the next meeting but the key three figures are :

	This Year	Last Year
Subscriptions	35,738	24,031
Bookings	17,887	16,076
Net profit	22,735	10,286

Chairman's Report – continued:

So finally my concluding topic, the possible proposed extension, including a fourth court.

- We needed tenders to get pricing.
- We have got the prices accurate.
- We have derisked the borrowings.
- No compromises on finishes
- More money being contributed; bank balances and grants

I've worked with Jon Spooner to produce financial projections.

We are getting more and borrowing less.

Do nothing leaves us with a shopping list that is long and expensive.

So, to close my report for this year.

Excellent year, and set up for another year which should be better or beyond

Please stay because me personally and your Committee believe it is very important to vote for the Extension project and the special resolution. And I will certainly be voting for the cricket nets resolution, because I have been closely involved in certain aspects of it and it fits well with my vision of a multi sport and social facility.

Election of Officers:



Chairman: Stephen Widdison
Proposed by: Connie Applebe
Seconded by: John Cockill
Passed: unanimously

Secretary: Steve Osborne
Proposed by: Doug Old
Seconded by: Stephen Widdison
Passed: unanimously

Treasurer: Ed Connell
Proposed by: John Cockill
Seconded by: Stephen Widdison
Passed: unanimously

Any other business:

None

The meeting ended at 8-00.

Approved as an accurate record of the meeting:

Doug Old – Secretary

Stephen Widdison – Chairman