

Date: 28 November 2015

Time: 3:00pm

Venue: Winterbourne House, University of Birmingham

Minutes of Meeting

Introduction

In the absence of a President, Peter Goldson chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending. The meeting agreed a show of hands would be used for all votes in the first instance, with subsequent poll votes undertaken if and when necessary.

Present:

Peter Goldson	Chairman & Wiltshire	Richard Antcliff	Kent
Keir Worth	Chief Executive	Bernie Gill	Lancashire
David Best	Board Member	Simon Rollington	Leicestershire
Mike Burchell	Board Member	Jim Foggitt	Merseyside
Phil Collins	Board Member	Robin Mace	Middlesex
Jackie Robinson OBE	Vice President	Ian Dinwiddy	Shropshire
Jennifer Barker	Vice President	Alec Livingstone	Suffolk
Zena Wooldridge OBE	Vice President	Patrick Fleming	Surrey
Barbara Sanderson	Vice President	Nigel Orrett	Warwickshire
Devan Kandiah	Vice President	Bett Dryhurst	Worcestershire
Paul Millman	Vice President & Sussex	Mike Clemson	Yorkshire
Paul Main	Bedfordshire		
Howard Mason	Cambridgeshire	In Attendance	
Alan Batchelor	Cheshire	Karen Selby	Essex
Linda Brickell	Cornwall	Andrew Beeston	Merseyside
David Neller	Essex	Cindy Gill	Lancashire
David Law	Hampshire		
Derek Thorpe	Hertfordshire		

Item 1 - Apologies for Absence – received from:

Bob Johnson	Vice President	Robert Morris	Life Member
Joyce Toumey	Vice President	K Davidson	Life Member
Sandy Burnett	Berkshire	Gordon Ross	Life Member
Heidi Leseur	Buckinghamshire	John Garnett	Life Member
Tom Armstrong	Cumbria	Michael Martin	Life Member
Jonathan Brooks	Derbyshire	John Dover	Life Member
Bob Hefford	Devon	Paul Lindsey	Life Member
Jane Smith	Dorset	John Watson	Life Member
Ant Angus	Lincolnshire	Brian Hunt	Life Member
Mike Sheriston	Nottingham	John Dover	Life Member
Robin Bawtree	Life Member	K S Davidson	Life Member
G A Garnett	Life Member	Peter Hartley	Life Member
David Harris	Essex Junior Chairman	L Sweet	Life Member
John Gibson	Leyland Squash Club	Paul Lindsey	Roehampton Club Ltd
S Beresford	Stourbridge LTSC		

Item 2 – To adopt the minutes of the previous AGM and to consider matters arising from them.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2014 were considered and approved unanimously as an accurate record of the meeting.

Item 3 – To adopt the report of the Board of Directors for the period ended May 31, 2015

A comprehensive account of all aspects of the business for the year ending May 2015 had previously been circulated to Council Members. The report was unanimously adopted.

Item 4 – To adopt the audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended May 31, 2015

The Accounts were considered - with a few major points being highlighted.

Audited by Mazars Ltd, a clean audit which was acknowledged. Balance sheet capital reserve of £620,000 up from £556,000. Surplus on the year despite difficult times.

Income and expenditure. Many changes this year with personnel which was represented in figures. Business driven by Sport England who reduced funding by £152,000 for that year and business has been modelled around this. Expenses in financial admin had increased significantly, components are in financial review. Payroll, high printing costs and irrecoverable VAT. The costs have been displayed in one department rather than split across the departments as previously.

Question on surplus from Zena Wooldridge (Vice President) of the view on the current level of reserve relative to turnover. David Best (Director) answered should try to carry 6 months' worth of costs in reserve. However if finance is guaranteed from Sport England at the start of the year then this is a different issue. Peter Goldson (Chairman) stated staff salary costs much lower now.

Bernie Gill (Lancashire) – questioned the irrecoverable VAT figure and why it is irrecoverable. David Best (Director) agreed he would go through separately with BG at a later time

Peter Goldson (Chair) expressed considerable appreciation for the unpaid specialist accounting work of David Best (Director) during the year.

Mazars (Accountants) have done great job helping because of the lack of staff England Squash have had day to day running finance.

Adoption of the audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet at 31May 2015 was carried unanimously.

Item 5 - Appointment of Auditors for the ensuing year

The proposal to appoint Messrs Mazars as the company's auditors for the coming year was passed unanimously.

Item 6 Articles of Association

6A The board proposes a revision to Section 16.2, to remove the following words – “including any four of the Elected Directors”. The proposed new wording will be “The quorum for meetings of the Board is any Five Directors (which, for this purpose only, shall include the Chairman)

This proposal was carried unanimously.

6b Article was withdrawn as it was believed to be unnecessary

The Chairman thanked all those attending and closed the meeting. He indicated that the next Council meeting is likely to be towards the end of March or into April.
