

Date: 19 November 2011

Time: 2.05pm

Venue: 170 Queens Gate, London

Minutes of Meeting

Introduction

Jackie Robinson opened the meeting by welcoming members of the Association. She advised the meeting that, although there had been a challenge put forward prior to the meeting of Council held that morning, the Board and Council had declared themselves content to proceed with the meeting as proposed in the Notice of Meeting. The consequences of any such challenge after the meeting would be dealt with as soon as possible, including if necessary, a further General Meeting.

She also advised the meeting of the results of the election for three non-executive directors held during the Council meeting. David Best, Peter Keen and David Law had been elected.

The Chief Executive explained the process to be used if a motion were to be put to the vote.

Present:

Jackie Robinson	President	Brian Duke	Durham & Cleveland
Zena Wooldridge	Chairman	Dave Neller	Essex
Nick Rider	Chief Executive	Mike Burchell	Kent
David Best	Board Member	Bernie Gill	Lancashire
Andy Bunting	Board Member	Jim Foggitt	Merseyside
David Law	Board Member/Hampshire	Robin Mace	Middlesex
Jennifer Barker	VP/Bedfordshire	David Everitt	Northamptonshire
Bob Johnson	VP	Ian Dinwiddy	Shropshire
Devan Kandiah	VP	Patrick Fleming	Surrey
Gordon Ross	VP	Paul Millman	Sussex
Barbara Sanderson	VP	Steve Hubbard	Warwickshire
Bob Morris	Life Member	Nigel Orrett	Warwickshire
Eric Cruttenden	Life Member	Bett Dryhurst	Worcestershire
Alan Batchelor	Cheshire	Peter Keen	Yorkshire
David Hughes	Devon		

In attendance:

Steve Amos	Head of Network
Charles Fernandes	Head of Corporate Services
Steve Jones	Membership Coordinator
Theo Woodward	Membership Coordinator

Item 1 - Apologies for Absence – were received from:

Peter Goldson	Board Member/Wiltshire	Nick Giles	Cambridgeshire
Joyce Tuomey	Vice President	Terry Beckett	Cornwall
Stuart R Bilisland	Life Member	Tom Armstrong	Cumbria
Sir M C Cooper	Life Member	Graham Hall	Derbyshire
A.E. Dossetor	Life Member	Gary Biles	Dorset
Peter Hartley	Life Member	Tony Jordan	Gloucestershire
Graham Horrex	Life Member	Mark Chamberlain	Herefordshire
Michael C Martin	Life Member	Mark Blake	Hertfordshire
Rod V T Mitchell-Fox	Life Member	George Sims	Lincolnshire
Geoffrey Shaw	Life Member	Steve Mooney	Norfolk
Peter Smith	Life Member	Janice Graham	Northumbria
P.A.L. Vine	Life Member	Mike Sheriston	Nottinghamshire
John Watson	Life Member	Alan Gilmour	Oxfordshire
Nick Drysdale	Avon	Keith Griffiths	Somerset
Andy Burrell	Berkshire	Rose Davies	Staffordshire
Howard Machin	Buckinghamshire	Shirley Fairburn	Suffolk

Item 2 – To adopt the Minutes of the last AGM and to consider matters arising from them

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2010 were proposed by David Neller (Essex) seconded by Peter Keen (Yorkshire) and adopted unanimously. There were no matters arising.

Item 3 – To adopt the report of the Board of Directors for the period ended 31 May 2011.

The report of the Board of Directors for the period ended 31 May 2011 was proposed by Jennifer Barker (Vice President/Bedfordshire), seconded by Bett Dryhurst (Worcestershire) and adopted unanimously.

Item 4 – To adopt the audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 May 2011

Bernie Gill (Lancashire) asked whether the costs of Performance coaching, in addition to the cost of squads, were additional payments to Performance Coaches. The Chief Executive explained that these were costs associated with the individual coaching of players on the various programmes – such as venue hire.

Adoption of the audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet was proposed by Peter Keen (Yorkshire) and seconded by David Neller (Essex) and carried unanimously.

Item 5 - Election of one Vice President

One nomination had been received for Devan Kandiah. There being no other candidates, was elected by acclamation.

Item 6 – Adoption of new articles of association

Before proceeding to a vote, the President asked for questions and comments. Steve Hubbard (Warwickshire) proposed that the minutes recorded the need for the removal of articles 36.2 and references to both genders, (as previously highlighted and agreed at the earlier Council meeting) and that these would be brought to the next general meeting. This was agreed. Adoption of the new articles of association was proposed by Dave Everitt (Northamptonshire), seconded by Jennifer Barker (Bedfordshire). The proposal was carried by 1,069 votes to 149, achieving a majority of 87.8%.

Item 7 - Appointment of Auditors for the coming year

The proposal to appoint Messrs Mazars as the company's auditors for the coming year was proposed by Robin Mace (Middlesex) and seconded by Jennifer Barker (Bedfordshire) and carried unanimously.

There was no other business.

The President thanked the board and staff for their hard work in a very busy year, and paid particular tribute to the work of all the volunteers within squash and racketball, at county and club level, whose passion and dedication there is vital to the continued sustenance and success of both sports.

She also paid tribute to the success of Jenny Duncalf in reaching the final of the recent World Open Championships, and Nick Matthew on retaining his World Open Championship title for the 2nd year in succession, a truly memorable performance.

The meeting was closed at 2.30pm.