

**THE SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION LIMITED****ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****Date: 7 November 2009****Time: 11.00am****Venue: 170 Queens Gate, London****Minutes of Meeting****Introduction**

Jackie Robinson opened the meeting by welcoming members of the Association. She reminded those present of the sad passing of Ian Wright and Jean Reynolds, both of whom had been great servants to the governing body and our sports, and led a moment's silence in their honour.

**Present:**

Jackie Robinson	President	Brian Duke	Durham & Cleveland
Zena Wooldridge	Chairman	David Neller	Essex
Peter Goldson	Board/Warwickshire	David Law	Hampshire
Roger Cearns	Board	Andrew Beeston	Merseyside
Gordon Kerr	Board	Jack Harris	Middlesex
David Best	Board	Lindsey Dack	Middlesex
Andy Bunting	Board	Al Robertson	Middlesex
Nick Rider	Chief Executive	Brian Cooper	Norfolk
Devan Kandiah	VP	Graham Godbold	Shropshire
Barbara Sanderson	VP	Richard Winter	Surrey
Jennifer Barker	VP/Bedfordshire	Paul Millman	Sussex
Joyce Tuomey	VP	Peter Keen	Yorkshire
Andrew Burrell	Berkshire	Irene Norman	Minuting Secretary
David Hughes	Devon		

**In attendance:**

Charles Fernandes	Head of Corporate Services
Paul Lynch	Sales & Marketing Manager
Jim Lord	Operations Director

**Item 1 - Apologies for Absence – were received from:**

Tom Armstrong	Cumbria	Cindy Gill	Lancashire
Angela Beck	Northumbria	Helen Gould	Avon
Terry Beckett	Cornwall	Bob Johnson	VP
Gary Biles	Dorset	Faye Kowalewsky	Cambridgeshire
Christine Bishop	Oxfordshire	Jane Law	Cheshire
Mark Chamberlain	Herefordshire	Howard Machin	Bucks
Sir Michael Craig-Cooper	Life Member	M.C. Martin	Life Member
Eric Cruttenden	Life Member	Alan Purnell	Worcestershire
Rose Davies	Staffordshire	Geoffrey Shaw	Life Member
A.E. Dossetor	Life Member	Lynn Steel	Notts
Dave Everitt	Northamptonshire	Dominic Webster	Hertfordshire
Shirley Fairburn	Suffolk	Kevin White	Derbyshire
Bernie Gill	Lancashire	Howard Wilson	Wiltshire

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2008 were proposed by Jennifer Barker (Bedfordshire), seconded by Peter Goldson (Warwickshire) and adopted unanimously.

## **Item 3 – To adopt the report of the Board of Directors for the period ended 31 May 2009.**

The report of the Board of Directors for the period ended 31 May 2009 was proposed by David Neller (Essex), seconded by Devan Kandiah (Hampshire) and adopted unanimously.

## **Item 4 – To adopt the audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 May 2009**

David Best highlighted the deficit for the year, and explained that this had been budgeted for in order to generate the necessary funds for the development of the new Marketing function.

Andrew Beeston (Merseyside) asked for a breakdown of expenditure within Membership, as the accounts appeared to show only a very small net contribution from Membership fees. The CEO provided this and explained that the costs of the Marketing function had been included within this category for this year. He added that the format would be amended from 2010 onwards to show all Marketing costs and income separately.

Adoption of the audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet was proposed by Devan Kandiah (Hampshire), seconded by Paul Millman (Sussex) and passed unanimously.

## **Item 5 – To consider various alterations to the constitution**

The CEO outlined the background to the resolutions being brought to the AGM – that following a review of board structure and composition, it was felt desirable to widen the skills and experience base of the board. To do this, it proposed the creation of three appointed non-executive directors, with a reduction in elected directors from five to four. Barbara Sanderson (VP) understood the rationale for appointment but was concerned about the composition of the proposed appointments panel. Middlesex felt that the move was fundamentally anti-democratic and that, if more directors were needed, they could simply be brought to the Council for endorsement. Roger Cearns (board member) agreed, saying that Council should have the final say. Gordon Kerr (board member) read out a prepared statement in which he strongly endorsed the Middlesex view.

Resolution 5(a) was put to a vote and defeated by 406 votes to 283. Resolutions 5(b) and 5(c) were withdrawn as a result of the first vote. Middlesex suggested that, as voting rights were quite complex, it would be very helpful if numbers of votes were published in advance of the meeting. The CEO agreed to revise future AGM procedures.

Resolution 5(d) – that the name of the company be changed to England Squash and Racketball Limited was passed unanimously.

## **Item 6 – Election of President & two Vice Presidents**

The President vacated the Chair for Item 6. Zena Wooldridge advised the meeting that as Jackie Robinson was the only candidate for President, she was duly elected by acclamation. She thanked Jackie for her continuing contribution and support to ESR - She further announced that as Joyce

Tuomey and Jennifer Barker were the only candidates for Vice President, they too were elected by acclamation.

**Item 7 - Appointment of Auditors for the coming year**

The proposal to re-appoint Mazars LLP as auditors was proposed by David Best (Board), seconded by David Neller (Essex) and unanimously approved.

The President closed the meeting by giving her thanks to Zena and the Board of Directors, who gave up a lot of time as volunteers. She also thanked the CEO and his staff for their hard work over the previous year.