

Date: 17 November 2012

Time: 2.25pm

Venue: 170 Queens Gate, London

Minutes of Meeting

Introduction

Jackie Robinson opened the meeting by welcoming members of the Association. The Chief Executive explained the process to be used if a motion were to be put to the vote.

Present:

Jackie Robinson	President	David Hughes	Devon
Peter Goldson	Chairman	Brian Duke	Durham & Cleveland
Nick Rider	Chief Executive	Dave Neller	Essex
Mike Burchell	Board Member	Richard Antcliff	Kent
Phil Collins	Board Member	Bernie Gill	Lancashire
Peter Keen	Board Member	Jim Foggitt	Merseyside
David Law	Board Member/Hampshire	Patrick Fleming	Surrey
Barbara Sanderson	Vice President	Steve Hubbard	Warwickshire
Joyce Tuomey	Vice President	Mike Stannard	Wiltshire
Zena Wooldridge		Bett Dryhurst	Worcestershire
Alan Batchelor	Cheshire	Mike Clemson	Yorkshire
David Fairclough	Cornwall		

In attendance:

Eric Cruttenden	Technical & Medical
Paul Fennell	Regional Manager – London & South East
Steve Jones	Membership Coordinator

Item 1 - Apologies for Absence – were received from:

David Best	Board Member	Peter G Smith	Life Member
Azhar Malik	Board Member	Nigel D A Swann	Life Member
Marc Thomas	Board Member	Les J Sweet	Life Member
Jennifer Barker	Vice President/Bedfordshire	John J H Watson	Life Member
Bob Johnson	Vice President	Dudley E Wood	Life Member
Devan Kandiah	Vice President/Hampshire	Desiree Schalkwyk	Berkshire
Gordon Ross	Vice President	Howard Machin	Buckinghamshire
Andy Bunting		Nick Giles	Cambridgeshire
Peter Nicol		Tom Armstrong	Cumbria
Sir M C Cooper	Life Member	Graham Hall	Derbyshire
Terence J Flack	Life Member	Gary Biles	Dorset
R.V.T. Mitchell-Fox	Life Member	Gary Boal	Gloucestershire
Gerald A Garnett	Life Member	Mark Chamberlain	Herefordshire
Lt Col John Garnett	Life Member	Darren Mould	Leicestershire
Graham Hall	Life Member	George Sims	Lincolnshire
Peter Hartley	Life Member	Robin Mace	Middlesex
Brian Hewitt	Life Member	Steve Mooney	Norfolk
Andrew Horn	Life Member	David Everitt	Northamptonshire
Graham Horrex	Life Member	Janice Graham	Northumbria
Ann Jackson	Life Member	Mike Sheriston	Nottinghamshire
Dr Ian D Lindsay	Life Member	Alan Gilmour	Oxfordshire
Michael C Martin	Life Member	Ian Dinwiddy	Shropshire
Colin D Muirhead	Life Member	Keith Griffiths	Somerset
J R Paul	Life Member	Craig Chappell	Staffordshire
Geoffrey Shaw	Life Member	Shirley Fairburn	Suffolk
Bryan Shipston	Life Member	Paul Millman	Sussex

Clubs

Brampton Manor Squash & Racketball Club
Dunnings Squash & Racketball Club
Roehampton Squash Club
Waterfront Woolwich Squash Club
Leicestershire Lawn Tennis Club

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2011 were proposed by Yorkshire, seconded by Lancashire and adopted unanimously by a show of hands in the room. (Including proxy votes previously registered, votes were as follows: For 1151, Against 0, Abstentions 1). 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 2012 was proposed by Essex, seconded by Surrey and adopted unanimously in the room. (Including proxy votes previously registered, votes were as follows: For 1152, Against 0, Abstentions 0)

Item 4 – To adopt the audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 May 2012

Steve Hubbard (Warwickshire) asked when the financial statements had been circulated. The Chief Executive replied that all papers had been despatched on 18 and 19 October, with the Notice of Meeting. Adoption of the audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet at 31 May 2012 was proposed by Warwickshire, seconded by Merseyside and carried unanimously. (Including proxy votes previously registered, votes were as follows: For 1152, Against 0, Abstentions 0)

Item 5 – Adoption of the articles of association

The President advised the meeting that this item, as a special resolution, required a 75% majority. She added that a small number of clerical errors remained within the document being put forward for approval, notably in the Contents page which incorrectly cross referenced a number of articles and would be corrected. The Chief Executive advised the meeting of a number of queries raised on specific articles, as follows:

The right of members to call general meetings was not explicitly referenced in the document. This right is contained within the Companies Act 2006, which prevails in such circumstances, but a new article will be put forward for adoption;

Article 32.6 refers to “motions for discussion” to be put forward by members, not resolutions. This includes resolutions, but will be clarified in a revision of this article;

The number of votes held by Life Members is not set out in the articles. Again, this is provided for by the Companies Act 2006 in that all members shall have one vote unless specified otherwise, but a new article will be included to make this clear.

He advised that amendments would be brought to the next general meeting to make these clarifications. Adoption of the new articles of association was proposed by Surrey, seconded by Kent, and carried by 1,151 votes to 1, a majority of 99.9%.

Item 6 - Election of President

One nomination had been received for Peter Nicol MBE. The President enthusiastically endorsed the nomination, saying that Peter had been pre-eminent as a player, highly successful as promoter and

passionate as an ambassador for squash. She was very happy to be handing over the baton to Peter.

Barbara Sanderson, Vice President, offered a vote of thanks to Jackie as her second and final term had now come to an end. She thanked Jackie for her tireless support of the organisation through good times and bad, and suggested that she be made a Vice President, a suggestion which was wholeheartedly supported by the meeting.

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 Merseyside, seconded by Lancashire and carried unanimously in the room. (Including proxy votes previously registered, votes were as follows: For 1150, Against 1, Abstentions 1)

There being no other business, the President briefly addressed the meeting. She thanked the board and staff for supporting her both in her period as Chairman and President, but wanted also to thank county representatives and their colleagues – the volunteers who, she said, were the backbone of our sports and to whom a great debt of gratitude was owed. A presentation was made to Jackie and the meeting was closed at 2.45pm.