

Minutes of Comberton Squash* AGM 2014

*Comberton Village College Squash Club.

Held at **Bourn Hall** 26th June 2014

Present: Ashok Babbar, Dave Bradbury, Graham Broughton, David Downes, Andrew Macintyre, Alistair Maclean, Mike Macnamee (chair), Julie Miller, Ray Scrivens, Andy Smith, Martyn Symmons, Andy Thorne, and Colin Walker

Apologies: Derek Fuller, Sarah Howlett

1. Chairman's report

Mike presented the achievements of the Club and its role in the county plan originated by Chris Vine in which Comberton would act as a Hub Club within an overall strategy for strengthening junior development.

The development of the Club website was a crucial help - currently generously supported by Lesley-Ann Vaughan's business.

It was important to have a clear player development pathway and the role of the Club professional was key in this.

Alistair said he supported the ambitions of the plan.

2. Treasurer's report

David Downes presented the audited accounts and reported that membership subscriptions were 10% down compared with last season. He reported that Tony Hoskins continued to donate his membership subscription despite having an honorary membership.

The Club had received sponsorship from Jeremy Cole for the Agricole competitions.

The court refurbishments, including two new floors, have left the Club with not much buffer in the bank currently (£11,500).

David especially thanked Andy Smith for expertly auditing the accounts for the Club.

Martyn asked whether, in addition to the work already paid, we needed to pay out for annual maintenance. Colin Walker said the courts were smartened every year and that was important for the look of the Club.

Andy Thorne said that he could get quote on paint etc and the school might be helpful in funding maintenance so as to keep the cost down compared with a full annual maintenance.

Dave Bradbury said that an additional concern was the team costs increased as the Cambs SRA were planning to raise the team league fee to £80 per team from £30. Alistair said that team members were happy to pay £10 a match currently but might need to reassess this as usually there was a deficit for each team.

3. Membership fees

The meeting considered whether the membership fees should be increased. David suggested an increase to £170 was not unreasonable. Finally £168 was agreed as a compromise. Andrew Macintyre said Comberton was a welcoming Club and that counted for more than the price.

4. Any Other Business

Dave said he believed we should review our safeguarding policy annually. Mike said that he was not aware of any problems but a review of CRB checks would be useful.

Dave also asked whether the wearing of goggles by junior in the Club was enforced. Mike said that goggles were checked during the Saturday morning session and strongly encouraged but that the Club could not enforce 100% compliance when no coaches were present.

Andy Thorne said that we could increase level of signage regarding the safety of eye protection.

Colin Walker described that plans were being made for the possible installation of a glass-back court. He favoured the installation of a glass back to court 1 and this could be carried out for about £8000. This would not require relocation of the toilets.

Ray asked if an Honours board could be provided to for girls club champions - he also asked about the renovated Club memorial plaque that was rescued from the youth centre.

ACTION: Andy Thorne to investigate the current location of the plaque and where it could be mounted. Incorporation of girls honours to be addressed.

5. Election of honorary officers and committee members

Mike Macnamee was elected as Chairman, Graham Broughton as Treasurer, and Julie Miller as Club Secretary.

Dave Bradbury and Andrew Macintyre were elected to the committee. Dave Bradbury had also offered to take on the role of Membership Secretary.

Mike thanked David Downes for all his work over 5 years for the Club as Treasurer.

6. The new committee thanked Mike for the facilities and hospitality provided by Bourn Hall for the AGM.