Old Wilsonians' Squash & Racketball Club
Minutes of the 2017/18 First Quarterly Meeting

Held on the 7th February 2018

Present

Lee Shepperd (Membership Secretary)	LS
David Thompson (Club Team Secretary)	DT
Mike Drozd (Treasurer)	MD
Ian Thompson (Committee Member)	IT

Club Members:

Luke Loveridge	LL
Tom Roberts	TR

Absences:

Ross Hartley (Chairman)	apology for absence received
Anton Snowsill (Secretary)	apology for absence received

1. New Committee members

The appointments of Luke Loveridge and Tom Roberts were unanimously approved. They were welcomed onto the Committee.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were approved.

3. Any matters arising from previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

4. Current topics for discussion

Court Refurbishment: MD will organise a quote and subsequent work for the refurbishment of both courts. This will be undertaken in April 2018. Prior to this, MD will gather the Committee's views on what work is required. Also, the installation of LED lighting will be discussed. MD will arrange a couple of quotes.

Handicap tournaments: The Committee agreed to schedule the finals of the squash and racketball tournament on the 17th and 19th April. Given the uncertainty of when the summer Priory League commences, the Committee agreed that the sheets need to be displayed a.s.a.p., probably early next week.

DT and RH will co-ordinate the squash and racketball tournaments respectively.

RH to decide how the £3 fee will be collected.

5. Membership Secretary's report

LS was pleased with the current number of members. Although 14 previous members are no longer aligned with the club, total membership is running at almost 80 members, with new members still joining (LS expects another 3 members imminently). The loss of members was essentially caused by injury and apathy and not loss to other clubs.

6. Treasurer's report

MD reported that the club's finances look reasonably healthy. Income from the meters increased by 40% during the first 3 months of the financial year compared with the same period last year. Conversely, costs during the period fell significantly due to the committee's decision on ESA affiliation. As a result the overall surplus for the quarter totalled well in excess of £2,000, providing an available cash balance of over £13,000.

7. Any Other Business

Tournaments' winners boards: RH will purchase these boards ahead of the tournament finals (see above) and will email the Committee to discuss their design etc.

The Committee should also give consideration to commemorating long-standing members on these boards – for example, "the John Bosley tournament winner".

Coaching: The club has received an enquiry from a local squash coach, asking if there is any demand for coaching. The Committee agreed to keep them on hold for the time being until below is resolved.

DT informed the Committee that he is in discussions with a well known coach (Hany Abou Taleb) who could join the club and coach. He is highly respected and would be a major coup if he agreed to join. As an incentive, the Committee agreed that the club would waive his first year membership fee.

Fundraiser/social evening: DT has agreed to arrange a social evening during the summer months.

Inserting minutes to club website: Agreed by Committee.

Representations to OWA: The Committee agreed that representations, via RH, be made to the Association regarding investment in the bar area and the quality of the showers.

The club bar area is looking tired and dated. Could the Association please consider modernising the area. Not only would this be more welcoming for all members but would induce a greater number of social events.

The quality of the showers and particularly the volatile temperature of the water outflow is a constant bugbear. Could the Association please look at ways of improving this issue.

Sponsorship: DT/IT/MD will be discussing with the Asha Restaurant in Hayes regarding sponsorship either of the Club Priory team or the Club as a whole. If they decide to sponsor the Club then a vinyl advert would be placed on the "tin" in one of the courts.

First Aid box: MD to purchase a new wall mounted first aid box.

Cleaner: On behalf of the Committee could AS please thank the cleaner for the excellent work she has done to date in the hall, changing room and courts.

8. Date of next meeting

To be decided.