

NORTH WEST COUNTIES SQUASH LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE 48th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT WARRINGTON SPORTS CLUB ON THURSDAY 25th MAY 2006 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Graham Horrex	President
John Hugall	Chairman
Dave Goulden	General Secretary
Henry Stone	Honorary Legal Advisor & Treasurer
Andrew Nickeas	Chairman of Cheshire & Vice President
Bernie Gill	Chairman of Lancashire & Vice President
Andrew Beeston	Chairman of Merseyside & Vice President
John Cunningham	1 st Division Rep & Vice President
Norman Astbury	Vice President
Brian Oswald	Vice President
Tony Parker	Vice President
Robin McIntosh	Vice President
Ged Illot	Vice President
Bud Foster	Vice President

Apologies were received from President, Vice Presidents: Norman Chatburn, Bob Ireland, Colin Cary, and Bill Littlejohn

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, John Hugall, who initially informed the meeting of the loss of one of our members, Dave Wheelton, during the past year.

The Chairman then introduced the personnel on the top table and the Vice Presidents present

There were 48 clubs represented, during the evening.

1. Apologies for absence – received from 17 clubs, plus a further 5 clubs who'd paid in advance for their stationery to be posted to them.
2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 26th May 2005 were taken as read and approved by the meeting.
3. Matters Arising – There were no matters arising
4. Presentation of Accounts
The Honorary Treasurer, Henry Stone, presented the accounts to the meeting.
Income had remained the same as previous years, at just over £14500, excluding the Sponsorship money. Expenditure showed an approximate increase of £3300 over the previous year. The majority of the increase, £2900 on Miscellaneous/Sundries, was a result of the cost of the 50th Anniversary Dinner. Printing & Stationery, Handbooks and Telephone costs were up £400, mainly due to the cost of the 50th Anniversary handbooks and the P&P. Referee fees showed a slight decrease, the new computer had been depreciated by a further £283 and was now fully depreciated, whilst website promotional expenses had decreased by £350 over the previous year.
County grants had been increased by £400 to £8200.
This all resulted in a profit of just over £336 for the year.
All of the sponsorship money, £6000, had been allocated to the clubs, which had made application for a junior grant.
The Treasurer thanked the auditor, Simon Westhead for auditing the accounts on our behalf.
Following the Treasurer's explanation of the Income & Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2005, acceptance of the Treasurer's report and figures were proposed, seconded and duly approved by the meeting.
5. Re-application from associate members
Re-applications were approved from Deeside, Glossop, New Mills and Tollgate.
6. Application from new clubs and additional teams

There were two new club applications, Macclesfield Leisure Centre and Saints (Prestatyn), who were approved as a new Associate Member.
It wasn't known whether there would be any additional team applications at this stage and they will only be known at a later date.

7. Rule amendment
There were no proposed rule amendments.
8. Presentation of Plaques, Trophies & Shields
Unfortunately, the sponsors Powerplay Sports were unable to attend the AGM due to other commitments. Presentations of each sections winner's plaques and the overall division winners for Divisions 2 to 5 were made by the President and several Vice Presidents.
The President also presented the "Brian Rhodes Memorial Shield" to Division 1 winners The Northern. Jim Buggy, The Northern Squash Chairman, & Peter Billson responded on behalf of the Division One Winners, The Northern.
Bowdon1 received the Division 2 shield and trophies,
Hyde 1 received the Divisions 3 shield and trophies,
Markland Hill 1 received the Division 4 shield and trophies and
Sandbach 2 received the Division 5 shield and trophies
as the overall winners of their division.
9. Election of Officers

President	-	Graham Horrex	Proposed: Preston Grasshoppers
			Seconded: Sale
Chairman	-	J.Hugall	Proposed: Sale
			Seconded: Chester
Treasurer	-	H.Stone	Proposed: East Lancs
& Hon. Legal Advisor			Seconded: Prestbury

were elected unopposed.
10. 50th Anniversary
The Chairman thanked all present, who'd attended the 50th Anniversary Dinner on 24th March 2006 at the Lancashire Cricket Club. From comments received, it was believed that it had been a good evening, and had been enjoyed by everyone who attended.
11. Any Other Business
The General Secretary, Dave Goulden, commented that in the near future, restructuring the league may have to be considered, otherwise there will come a time when there are insufficient teams to form Division 5 sections and that division 4 & 5 would have to merge. If appropriate, proposals may be put forward at the next AGM.

Team Captains Meeting – The Chairman gave notice that there would be a team captains meeting in early September 2006, before the start of the season, at Warrington Sports Club, to which all clubs are expected to attend. League stationery would also be available at this meeting.

The Sponsors, Powerplay Sports were thanked for their support to the NWCSL.

The meeting was drawn to a close by the Chairman at 9.15pm, the Vice Presidents and club representatives who had attended, Warrington Sports Club for the use of their premises, Powerplay Sports for their sponsorship of the league were all thanked by the Chairman.

Dave Goulden
General Secretary to the League