



MOTE SQUASH CLUB

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on Friday 27th September 2019 @ 19.45 and of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held immediately thereafter @ 20:00.

Present: 20 members at both meetings.

EGM:

The proposed changes to the Rules of the Club met the requirement for a 75% majority in favour from those present at the EGM, and these rules are effective immediately.

The updates are mainly to reflect current practice and provide better clarification in some areas, but there are also a few proposed changes to improve the day to day running of the club.

Some of the key changes that were approved are, but not limited to:

- Simpler process to become a member
- Redefinition of the 'Family' membership category
- Introduction of a late payment fee for late payment of subscriptions

The new rules have been posted on the Club website.

AGM:

The minutes of the 2018 AGM were approved without amendment.

1. Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Tim Casey, submitted his annual report, which had previously been circulated to all members ahead of the meeting.

Please see appendix 1 below for a copy of the report.

Tim concluded by stating that the club finances were in a healthy position (see Simon's report) with increased profits despite lower bar takings, and increased spend on maintenance and upgrade. Tim also stated that club membership was also healthy.

On behalf of the club, Tim also thanked Chris Cox for his work on the Committee as Membership Secretary, as well as his invaluable work on the health and safety front. There was no identified successor at that point.

2. Treasurer's Report

The audited Trading Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2019 was circulated at the meeting.

Simon summarised the key numbers as follows:

A good year with a surplus being made of £7k. This year expenditure on maintenance and repair costs doubled to nearly £15k. Expenditure continued into the year ending 31st March 2020 with over £11k being spent in the first half of the year.

Main points to highlight:

Balance Sheet

- Debtors & prepayments – includes £1,200 re England Squash
- Creditors – this includes £4,600 for British Gas for gas and electric. Electricity not having been billed since the new tariff was agreed in Nov'18
- Carlsberg loan – this was renegotiated as initial barrelage was optimistic

Profit & Loss Account

- R&M spend as mentioned above
- Gross profit remained consistent although total sales dropped slightly
- Memberships & court fees were fairly consistent
- Event expenses significantly dropped as there was no Kent Open
- Insurances and water rates were less as we estimated the costs from the Cricket Club, but then got billed significantly less. Also, our insurances were less.

Accounts were approved by Alan Veal and signed off on 10th July 2019.

3. Membership subscriptions for 2018/19

In order to remain competitive with other squash and sports clubs and given the healthy financial position, it was proposed by the outgoing Committee that the subscription rates for the forthcoming year be unaltered. This was carried unanimously.

4. Election of Officers and Committee

After proposal and seconding, the following were elected unanimously:

Officers:

Chairman:	Tim Casey
Vice-Chairman	Adrian Humphries
Treasurer	Simon Muir
Secretary:	Alastair Hill

Committee:

Club Captain:	Jason Goodayle
Membership Secretary	Vacant – not filled at this time
Social Secretary	Russ Mason
Junior Coordinator	Claire Goodayle

NB. Maintenance activities will continue to be coordinated by Tim Casey and carried out by Paul Adam Snr as and when required, subject to Committee approval of estimated costs.

5. Confirmation of Club Auditor

Prior to the meeting, Alan Veal confirmed he was willing to continue in his role as club auditor. This was unanimously approved at the meeting.

6. Confirmation of Trustees

Prior to the meeting, Jeff Root, Simon Muir, Paul Newvell and Steve Wentzell confirmed they were willing to continue in their role as trustees, responsible for:

- maintaining the lease between the squash club and Mote CC
- any property owned by the squash club

This was unanimously approved at the meeting.

7. Any Other Business

Questions about the following were asked by Members:

- Ladies showers – query over the possibility of installing cubicles / curtains
- Gents showers – concern over state of the shower area
- Cleaning – general dissatisfaction with the state of the cleaning

Answers were provided on the night with commitment to follow up on these matters as quickly as possible.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:30hrs.

APPENDIX 1 – Chairman’s Report

Introduction

The AGM will be held on Friday 28th September 2019, 8pm. It will be preceded by an EGM to propose a change to the club rules. This will begin at 7.45pm. Drinks at the bar will be half price from 7.30pm so do please come along.

May I begin by thanking the committee members for all their hard work during the year.

Adrian Humphries, Vice Chair; Alastair Hill, Secretary; Simon Muir, Treasurer; Russell Mason, Social Secretary; Jason Goodayle, Club Captain; Claire Goodayle, Junior Co-ordinator. Also special thanks to Chris Cox who stands down as membership secretary.

Also, thanks to all the others who work at and volunteer at the club; Bar Staff - Maddy, Harry, Harry, Kate, Judith; Cleaner - Josh. Coaches – Steve Franks, Ben Goodayle, Maddy Hill, Soli. And others who add so much to the club including Phil and Cynthia Crane (Fitness sessions) ; Lloyd, Nick Peel and others who referee matches ; Navine (Barn Door Challenge) and all those who assist with the juniors. Thank-you to our sponsors DWL Windows, SADS IT, CAF ceramics

Membership

We currently have 250 members. Many thanks to Chris Cox for all his work as membership secretary and for his invaluable input with regards to health and safety issues. Chris steps down as membership secretary.

Treasury

The club continues to enjoy a healthy financial position.

Simon Muir has distributed a detailed treasury report and will be available to answer any questions.

Maintenance

During the last year we have undertaken a lot of necessary remedial work to ensure that the club complies with Health and Safety Regulations. Works completed include;

- Electrical remedial work as a result of the statutory 5 yearly Electrical Inspection and Test.
- Main and secondary electrical distribution boards replaced.
- New electrical sockets behind the bar.
- Statutory Fire Risk assessment undertaken resulting in the replacement of lighting and emergency lighting with additional ELs on escape routes to ensure compliance.
- Asbestos Management survey undertaken in accordance with the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012.
- Gas safety Certificate renewed.
- Court heater servicing.
- New on/off court heater switches placed outside of courts.
- New hob in the kitchen.
- New shower mixer taps.

- New fire door.
- New boiler.
- New outdoor lighting.

All these works were necessary to ensure that we both comply with legislation and ensure the safety of our members and guests.

In addition to the above we have completed refurbishment of all four courts.

During the next year the committee intends to continue to make improvements to the club. We would welcome any suggestions from members as we go about prioritising this work.

Bar and Social

Thanks to Russ and all the bar staff for another busy social year. The main events were;

- Christmas party with 'open mic'
- Race night
- Three quiz nights
- Charity quiz night
- Three live music nights
- Charity Football match at The Gallagher Stadium
- Cricket match versus our neighbours from the Cricket Club.
- Two private bookings.

Tomorrow (28th) there is the Racketlon competition followed by a party with live music, and we are also participating in World Squash Day on Saturday 12th October as we join other England Squash affiliated clubs in looking to continue to grow our sport.

Another quiz night is planned for October and I'm sure that there will be many more social events to cater for all tastes throughout the year.

Club Captain

Thanks to Jason for all his work during another year as Club Captain. Thanks also to others who captain and support both our adult and junior teams. Several events were held;

- SADS IT Graded – 58 players entered. Runners Up from the Mote were Darren Heathfield (A grade); Harry Mason (D Grade). Congratulations to our junior D Grade winner – Luke Mount.
Thanks to Joe Magor for organising this event.
- PSA Event. This event attracted a good number of entrants including some high ranked players in both the men's and the women's competitions.
Congratulations to men's winner Diego Gobi; men's runner up, Curtis Malik; women's winner, Gina Kennedy; women's runner up, Alice Green.

Thanks to CAF Ceramics for sponsoring this event.

- The Mote Graded took place alongside the PSA event and attracted 32 entrants. A junior event also took place on the Sunday.

Thanks to Ben Ford for organising the events over the weekend.

- The Mote Racketlon. Congratulations to the winners – Marcus Robson (A Grade), Simon Muir (B Grade), Keith Bailey (C Grade).
- Winter Team Squash – The first team finished 4th in Priory Div 2 and were winners of the Mike Westrup Cup. The second team finished 3rd in Outer Kent Div 3.
- Summer Team Squash – One team played in Priory, Div 3 and finished 2nd. The other team played in Outer Kent, Div 1 and finished 3rd.

Congratulations and thanks to all involved for their efforts and support.

Club Championships 2019.

- Men's – Final to be played in December (Mark Steeden v Ben Goodayle)
- Men's Plate – Winner, Alastair Hill; Runner Up, Dean Farrant.
- Ladies – Winner, Maddy Hill; Runner up, Alice Hill.
- Ladies Plate – Winner, Lottie Hill; Runner Up, Rebecca Cox.
- Men's Over 50's – Winner, Jason Goodayle; Runner Up, Nick Peel.
- Men's Over 50's Plate – Winner, Lloyd Chinsen; Runner Up, Russ Mason.
- Doubles – Winners, Ben and Tom Goodayle; Runners Up, Jason Goodayle and Paul Adam
- Doubles Plate – Still to be played.
- Racket ball – Still to be played.
- Racket ball plate – Winner, Alastair Hill; Runner Up, Matt Baker.

Juniors

Many thanks to Claire Goodayle who has done an excellent job as junior Co-ordinator. She has recently completed a Safeguarding Course and now also takes on the role as Club Welfare Officer.

Our Junior section continues to grow with a healthy membership of 58.

Thanks to Steve Franks who remains as Head Coach running after school groups and Saturday morning sessions. Thanks also to Ben Goodayle and Maddie Hill who offer Steve regular assistance.

We have 4 junior teams that play in the Kent League. Junior progression will be highlighted on the new junior notice board over the coming season.

This year we have received £1000 funding from Golding Homes. This has allowed two junior schools to attend after school sessions at the club. New equipment has been purchased and Junior T Shirts have been subsidised.

Junior events this year have included The Mote Open, The Kent Junior Open, The Kent Schools Cup, Kent Junior Coaching.

The Mote Junior Closed.

- U15 / U19's – Winner, Tom Goodayle; Runner Up, Harry Mason.
- U15 / U19's Plate – Winner, Luke Mount; Runner Up, Harrison Seal.
- U13 – Winner, Lilia Cordrey; Runner Up, Dan McLaughlin.
- U13 Plate – Winner, Luybi Tinchev; Runner Up, Archie Fuller.

- Junior Player of The Year – Harry Mason. Awarded for his improvement in squash and his continued contribution to the junior teams this season whilst also being a regular player for the adult teams.

The Mid Kent Junior Box League continues to take place every first Saturday of the month. It attracts up to 40 juniors enabling local competitive squash. Many thanks to all those who assist, especially, Joyce (who bakes all the cakes) and Anne who volunteer to run the kitchen providing refreshments. All profits go to the club.

I, and the committee members present, welcome any questions.

Tim Casey,
Chair.