

# Aylesbury Squash Club

## Minutes Committee Meeting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 7pm Aylesbury Squash and Tennis Club.

### Attendees

Oliver Field	Chair	OF
Elaine Sidhu	Secretary	ES
Isabella Vasilescu	Treasurer	IV
Alexandra Tattam	Events	AT
Juia Foster	Ladies Squash	JF
Daniel Robinson	Team and Events	DR
Catherine Forward	Safeguarding	CF

Ref	Item	Action
1	<b>Welcome</b>  All welcomed and thanked for their work in between meetings. Today's meeting is mainly to discuss main decisions made and work completed.	
2	<b>Apologies</b>  Max, David T, Keith, Darren F, Aiden  <b>Declaration of interests</b> (in the agenda)  Julia on Rivets committee Ollie squash coaching	
3	<b>Approve Minutes of Last Meetings</b>  All approved	
4	<b>Actions arising from last meeting</b>  See below	
5	<b>General Club Update to include, membership, ladies, team</b>  Alex has joined the committee and was welcomed. Dave Evans has left. Dave was thanked for all efforts for the club. Darren is going to do the club accounts and then leave the committee Presently we have 277 members (4 up since the last meeting) 218 male 59 female. Junior squash is doing well. Good amount of coaches. Thanks was given to Russell who is no longer coaching. Ct 1 and 2 refurbished and floor fixed. Exhibition was a success but currently this event is at a loss financially. However, it was noted that a lot of money went through the bar e,g, food, raffle. £1.2k should have come in from sponsors IV to speak to MM and Simon re receipts and how we claim some of this money back. DR explained that there is now another racket ball team (5) They will however, play less matches as another division has been added	IV

	<p>ES suggested using one Monday Ladies coaching for racketball. To encourage ladies to take it up and possible form a team. JF To ask DE if he would run a taster evening.</p> <p><b>Team squash</b>  First team promoted. Finished 6<sup>th</sup>  Second team finished a comfortable second  Third team finished a comfortable second  OF asked if IV would like someone else to do ladies squash as the finances will take up too much time.  OF will see if anyone can help with Mondays to spread the load.  Wed morning session going well. Broke even and being managed well by FJ. Pool of 20 people attend but 7/8 regularly.</p> <p><b>Social media</b>  Alex Started 3 weeks ago. Does not have any special experience but the idea is to share any updates and some professional news  Tagged the pros after the exhibition match who then shared it within their groups so got a lot of views. Info on squash TV was given.  Catherine was asked if we can we set up with juniors consent for photos. This is already done. Suggest also to put in newsletter that social media will be more active so if anyone wants to opt out of consent then to let the club know</p> <p>Catherine F to send a form of words to OF</p> <p>Should have a social media policy. Can use England squash. AT and CF to discuss and take forward</p> <p>All juniors involved in a reel at end of season and also produced stories re ladies team games.</p> <p>For future content – talk about teams more  Will do reminders, club events, term start/end dates etc  Alex will do posters</p> <p>Thanks was given to Saffron who has kept it ticking over</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>OF</p> <p>CF</p> <p>CF/AT</p> <p>AT</p>
6	<p><b>Subscriptions from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 – for approval</b></p> <p>Motion to increase fees.  ES asked Why we were putting them up. This is because all of the clubs bills are increasing  May have to increase court costs at some stage also.  Previous chair did a lot of work to collate membership &amp; courts costs in Bucks. OF will try to find and share this when next has capacity</p> <p>Put on as an agenda item for next meeting  <b>The motion was approved</b></p>	<p>OF</p> <p>ES</p>
7	<p><b>Health and Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drain outside next to Court 1/2</li> <li>• Court 1 roof</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Changing room update</b></li> </ul> <p>Need to sort out drains. Need to keep gutter clean or widen the gully Roof – need to get some costs for repair as need to get done by September Struggling with tennis to get them to agree to cost of work to refurbish the changing rooms due to low usage. Suggest flat rate to charge tennis should they use the changing rooms in future if they will not help with the costs up front.</p>																
8	<b>Data Protection and safeguarding</b> <p>GDPR are we happy to approve policy – yes Safeguarding. – CF monitors e mail – nothing reported so far. CF has let England squash know CF is safeguarding lead and England squash have confirmed they are happy with CF prior qualifications May be sensible to have something to identify first aiders at events Need a notice to say where the first aid boxes are There are some posters re safeguarding which are out of date. Need to be updated (ladies changing room) If there is a junior event held, we should do a risk assessment Juniors are playing in club championship. T&amp;C say juniors must be supervised up to the age of 11. Need to change this to 14. AT and CF to meet up</p> <p>CF has linked up with local PCSO. Has come to the club to meet Max and Catherine. Has dropped up posters re who local PCSO is. Have talked to them about attending an event to bring info to share with all.</p>	AF/CF															
9	<b>Finance report – for approval</b> <p>Quater looks good. Some more costs and income to come in. £6000 in credit. IV asked all to approve accounts that were sent out. <b>Approved</b></p>																
1	<b>Events</b> <b><u>Events Update Apr 2025</u></b> <p>The events rolling Calendar was set out with timings of events, subject to availability of volunteers to run the event.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Event</th><th>Dates</th><th>Status</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chairmans Cup</td><td>Oct - March</td><td>Concluded 21 Mar 2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>Quiz nights</td><td>*On Hold*</td><td>None planned</td></tr> <tr> <td>Club championship (Squash)</td><td>April</td><td>Open for entries – AT&amp;DT organising</td></tr> <tr> <td>Club championship (Racketball)</td><td>Sept</td><td>To be arranged for 2025</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Event	Dates	Status	Chairmans Cup	Oct - March	Concluded 21 Mar 2025	Quiz nights	*On Hold*	None planned	Club championship (Squash)	April	Open for entries – AT&DT organising	Club championship (Racketball)	Sept	To be arranged for 2025	
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<p>There are four committee members for events David Tattam, Alexandra Tattam, Aidan Turnbull, Dan Robinson. <b>More volunteers to support events are encouraged.</b></p> <p><b><u>Chairman's Cup – Oct 2024 to March 2025</u></b></p> <p>The competition had six teams with the final played on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The scores at the end of the round robin matches were as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th>Rankings</th><th>Score</th><th>Matches played</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Vikings</td><td>80</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>Hawks</td><td>69</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>Dragons</td><td>67</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>Lions</td><td>57</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr> <td>5</td><td>Tigers</td><td>50</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr> <td>6</td><td>Eagles</td><td>48</td><td>5</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The final between the Vikings and the Hawks had a good crowd and was hard fought – the Vikings being victorious in the end. A special mention to the Dragons who sent a complete team to every match – including to watch the final!</p> <p><b><u>Club Championships (Squash) – Open for entry.</u></b></p> <p>The club champs are planned for three days, evening of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Apr to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Currently not as many entered as last year – so please encourage more people! Being organised by Alex and Dave Tattam with support from the Events team.</p> <p><b><u>Exhibition Event – 22 March 2025.</u></b></p> <p>Mohamed ElShorbagy and Youssef Ibrahim paid a visit to the club for another fantastic evening arranged by Tom Phipps, the committee, the coaches, compere David Evans, the pavilion and bar team, and Dave and Jaine Berry for the food. Great support from our sponsors (SLN Aylesbury and Milwaukee tools). A sell-out night, with a good few from nearby clubs who got to see our great facilities.</p>					Rankings	Score	Matches played	1	Vikings	80	5	2	Hawks	69	5	3	Dragons	67	5	4	Lions	57	5	5	Tigers	50	5	6	Eagles	48	5
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	OF stated that he is looking at an opportunity to get a court. May be that squash and the bar push this idea forward. OF will come back to committee with a proposal Sports club agree to the land being used for this purpose	OF
1	<b>Super Squash League</b>  DR explained that this is a National league with 5 or 6 teams in it. Club would pay professionals to play for our team. Need to know cost. Jo Barrington runs it and is supposed to e mail DF about it. Team made up of female and male professional, a club hero and an under 25  It runs on a Friday DR will bring back a proposal	DR
1	<b>Treasurer update</b>  Covered in report above	
1	<b>Dunlop shop</b>  Dunlop trialling the use of dispensing lockers. Club get discounted stock and we sell it through the lockers. It looks like Aylesbury will get one of these lockers to trial free of charge. Will send on process for all the gear. They will give free gifts for prizes for say club championship May even sponsor players to come here. Would try to do exhibitions with us	
1	<b>AOB</b>  When is next AGM. Date to be advised	OF
1	<b>Dates and Time Next Meeting</b>  There was not one day that everyone could do so it was agreed that out of the 4 meetings a year, 2 would be on a Thursday and 2 would be on a Wednesday. Next meeting Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> July (apologies from ES)	

**Actions from last meeting**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Update</b>
DF to raise invoice for sponsorship to Ben Boulter of B2 Clinic	<b>Question on vat so waiting to clarify this and then Isabella will action this</b>
DE to send racketball match dates to OF	<b>This was not done but we managed to organise the maintenance around dates of the previous year</b>
OF to bring back any invoice given to us re insurance taken out by sports club to agree or disagree that it should be paid.	<b>No figures from sports club. IV to work out figures that we may need to hold back. They may lump it all together in general costs so it may be hidden.</b>
OF to raise lights at next sports meeting OF or MG to log issues with lights in H&S app	<b>Completed</b>
DE will speak to bar staff to see if bar staff will challenge people who are sweaty sitting in bar.  MG will send this announcement to tennis also  OF will raise at main committee	<b>Was put in newsletter. No significant issues OF raised at tennis</b>
OF to ask Tom and Jamie to liaise with Darren re costs of exhibition match. To send out a save the date message when date 100% confirmed  Need to raise an invoice for Bucks training/comp at the club  DF to spend time with IV to go through Q4	<b>Completed</b>   <b>They paid</b>   <b>Complete</b>
ES to send a poll out re best dates for squash meeting	<b>Poll undertaken re days people <u>could not</u> attend</b> <b>Results</b> <b>Monday 3</b> <b>Tuesday 2</b> <b>Wed 2</b> <b>Thurs 3</b> <b>Fri 2</b> <b>Sat 4</b> <b>Sunday 4</b>  <b>Agree to do 2 on Wed and 2 on Thursday</b>
MM to send Elaine top 5 players and Max will present and coordinate the giving of the gifts	<b>Still outstanding</b>