

East of Scotland Squash and Racketball Association (ESSRA)
Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting
Thursday 23 June 2016 at Colinton Castle Sports Club

Present: **Christy Looby** (Chairman & Grange); **Adrian Craxton** (Secretary & Colinton Castle); **Dougie Brown** (League Secretary & Grange); **David Coutts** and **Moira Atkinson** (Committee members & ESC); **Richard McIntosh** and **Iain Clark** (Committee members & Watsonians); **Jim Hay** (Colinton Castle and SSRL); **Jonathan MacBride**, **George Purves** and **Archie McCue** (Colinton Castle); **Dave Ferguson** (Waverley); **Christina Graham** (Watsonians); **Simon Boughton** (ESC); **Neil MacKenzie** (Bridge of Allan); **Chris Cox** and **Morva McKenzie** (SSRL)

1. Apologies
Neil Porter (Waverley), Ross Anderson (Committee member & Dean), and Robin Bairner and Bert Mitchell (Bridge of Allan).
2. Minutes of the 41st AGM (25/6/15) and matters arising
The minutes of last year's AGM were approved. There were no matters arising.
3. Chairman's report
Christy Looby presented his written report to the meeting, and went through it briefly for the benefit of those present.
4. League Secretary's report
Dougie Brown presented his written report to the meeting, and went through it briefly for the benefit of those present.
5. Junior Convenor's report
It was noted that Claire Kidd had recently stood down from the Committee after 7 years. Claire was thanked for all the help she had given in running the Juniors over all that time. Iain Clarke had agreed to take over the role of Junior Convenor. Whilst there was no report as such for the meeting there was a brief note summarising the Juniors' activities.
6. Treasurer's report and accounts to 30 April 2016
Mark Adderley presented the ESSRA Accounts for the year ending 30 April 2016, and answered questions on them. The Accounts were approved by the meeting (having been proposed by Jonathan MacBride and seconded by Moira Atkinson).
7. Resolutions and discussion items
There were no resolutions before the meeting.

There was extensive discussion about various functions and initiatives of SSRL, with Chris Cox (Regional Development Manager (East)), Jim Hay (President) and Morva McKenzie (Child Protection Officer) all addressing the meeting and answering questions. Topics discussed ranged from trying to encourage the playing of squash in schools and increasing club memberships, to steps being taken by the World Squash Federation to try and get squash included in the 2014 Olympics. Child protection was also discussed, in particular the need for Clubs to ensure that they had Child Protection Officers, and that everyone involved with juniors were PVG checked (for which there was no charge).

Dave Ferguson referred to the old scheme, which had run for 10 years until abandoned at last year's AGM, of giving 2 points for teams with qualified markers. He was trying to devise an alternative scheme of instruction on the application of the Rules to try and improve marking standards. He expressed a willingness to go to any club to give further instruction, at no cost to the clubs.

8. Election of Office-bearers and Committee Members
Christy Looby was retiring as Chairman after 2 years, but willing to continue on the Committee as an ordinary member. David Coutts had agreed to take over. Claire Gray had retired as Junior Convenor and Iain Clark had agreed to take over. Other members of the Committee were prepared to continue. The Committee was

re-elected accordingly (on motion proposed by Dave Ferguson and seconded by Jim Hay).

9. Any other business

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 9.05pm.