**Minutes of the AGM of Barnsley Squash and Racketball Club held on 16th November 2022 – 6.00pm.**

**Chairman** – Ian Meade

**Committee Members Present** – Ian Meade, Jim Uttley, Lee Greaves, Paul Westwood, Nigel Godwin, Tony Exley, Andrew Tressler, Sarah Ullyott

**Apologises for absence** – Shane O’Keefe, Peter Fielding

**Minutes of last AGM** accepted as a true record by Lee Greaves and seconded by Martin Day

**Matters Arising**

None raised

**Chairman’s Report**

We were able to report last AGM on the great strides forward we had made in a host of areas after the Covid lockdowns at the Club. This work and development continues and each Committee member has designated tasks within specific areas and their work is bearing fruit. Please remember they all do this voluntarily, so thanks are due for this not just from me but from the members they serve.  
  
It hasn’t been an easy restart, but we have gradually done what we could and what we all believed was right for the membership. We will continue to do this. The maintenance/improvements that we have carried out both on and off court are ongoing given some financial restraints after being closed for so long, but we are still in a stable financial position. The booking system works well and is flexible enough to cope with the demands we have placed on it. Team squash is up and running again and on the coaching front we were able to expand our offer for juniors, teams and ladies as well as individuals. Membership continues to grow steadily and closes in on levels we had pre-Covid, plus there are lots of new faces too, both young and adult. Looking ahead, we have rent and utility increases for 2023. We have decided to increase the membership cost to £100 and may have to look at playing costs once we know the implications of these rental rises. 2023 will see the arrival of 2 Padel courts to be sited on the bowling green adjoining the Squash complex.

Lastly can I thank you all for your patience since we returned to something approaching normality. We will continue to communicate with you, an area we think we have strengthened up on and will always try to make the club better for all our members.

**Treasurer’s report**

Accounts were distributed by Paul.

Paul explained that the loss was due to Covid during 2021. The accounts were poorer than 2020, because 2021 did not have the early membership income of 2020 or the grant that was obtained in 2020. Paul was optimistic about 2022 with a stable bank balance, income back to pre-Covid times and not having the Yorkshire Premier league cost. This may provide a surplus. This is dependent upon the implications of the alterations to the rent.

**Team report**

Jim reported that the three S&D teams, the Kirklees team and the S&D Vets team all remainder in the same divisions in the previous season.

Jim mentioned that new members were keen to participate in team squash.

Steve Williams mentioned that the same players seemed to be playing for a number of teams. Both Jim and Andrew said things are changing and they proactively rotate players.

**Election of Officers**

Shane and Paul stood for re-election.

Richard Maxwell stood for election. Proposed by Tony and seconded by Jim.

Neal Siddons stood for election. Proposed by Lee and seconded by Steve Williams.

All in attendance agreed to the election of all four to the committee, except Jim, who abstained.

**AOB**

Martin Day proposed that there should not be peak and off-peak pricing for courts. There should be the same price for all times. There were comments from other attendees for and against the suggestion.

Richard Maxwell suggested that the membership subscription should be increased by more to possibly £120.

These comments led to discussion about the income streams of the club.

Ian stopped the discussion. He stated that the committee will have to re-visit income streams when the new rent situation is known. If the situation demands significant changes to the income streams, there may have to be an EGM to discuss the changes.

Jim gave thanks on behalf of the club to Andrew for all his input to the club, especially with coaching and the teams.

Dave Clayton confirmed the Chairman’s comments about the installation of the Padel courts and the opportunities that it may give to the club and Shaw Lane in general.

The meeting concluded at 6.45pm