**WEST SQUASH**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY 13TH MAY 2016**

**7:00 PM, GIFFNOCK LTC.**

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| 1. | ATTENDEES | | |
|  | **NAME** | **CLUB** |  |
|  | Alan Marshall | Strathgryffe |  |
|  | Alan Pearson | Newlands |  |
|  | Alex Everingham | Whitecraigs LTC |  |
|  | Andy Duff | SSRC |  |
|  | Blair Michie | Linwood (On-X) |  |
|  | David Armstrong | Linwood (On-X) |  |
|  | David Bow | Western |  |
|  | George Allan | SSRC |  |
|  | Gillian McKenzie | Western |  |
|  | Jon Moore | Western |  |
|  | Martin Woods | Scotstoun |  |
|  | Michael Grant | Strathgryffe |  |
|  | Stewart Hamilton | Giffnock |  |
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|  | **Non-voting observers/ Presenters** |  |  |
|  | David Fallon | SSRL |  |
|  | Maggie Still | SSRL |  |
|  | Norman McGlinchey | SSRL |  |
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|  | There are twenty two clubs in the West Region, and seven member clubs were represented, meeting the constitution requirements of 25%. | | |
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| 2. | APOLOGIES | | |
|  | **NAME** | **CLUB** |  |
|  | Stuart George | Giffnock |  |
|  | Billy Stevely | Whitecraigs LTC |  |
|  | Kevin Lawlor | Western |  |
|  | John Crawford | Townend |  |
| 3. | APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES | | |
|  | Proposed by Michael Grant, seconded by Alan Marshall. | | |
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| 4. | MAGGIE STILL, CEO SSRL | | |
|  | The recently appointed CEO of SSRL, Maggie Still, introduced herself to the room and expressed how much she is enjoying her new role. She is very keen to support West Squash in developing the sport in the West of Scotland, and is specifically aiming to build and foster positive relationships with all clubs in the region. With 72 clubs affiliated to SSRL across the whole of Scotland, 22 of these clubs are from the West region.  A key goal of SSRL is to maintain, and if possible increase, future support and funding from Sportscotland (the National Agency for Sport). The best way to achieve this is through showing growth in the club membership of SSRL, by way of increased numbers of members on club Annual Returns.  In terms of performance, the last few months have had some promising developments. Paul Bell has been appointed National Coach and Martin Heath has been appointed Elite Performance Coach. Results-wise, the Women’s European Team were promoted in their first year competing and the Men’s European team gained third place ahead of Germany, surpassing the fourth place finish for the last four years. The goal of the organisation is to surpass even these results in future years. | | |
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| 5. | APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS | | |
|  | Alan Pearson advised that the organisational accounts are healthy. This year generated a surplus of approx £2000, better than last year. Season 2015/ 16 had 84 teams in the West Squash Leagues. This should generate £3360 (84 teams @ £40); although in reality £3590 was generated due to late payment by several teams (subject to an extra £10 levy). Season 2015/16 saw 100% payment of team fees.  For the full 2015/16 Statement of Accounts, see Appendix 1.  The committee also gave massive thanks to our three sponsors: Imperial Commercials, Brechin Tindal Oatts and Northern Piling Ltd. Many thanks also to Andy Duff for his hard work in generating sponsorship for the organisation. | | |
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| 6. | APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR & ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS | | |
|  | George Allan is to step down as Tournament Convenor. Stuart George will take on this role moving forward into season 2016/17, assisted by Brendan Forrester from Newlands.  John Crawford indicated he would be stepping down as Association secretary. This place is vacant and the committee will look to find a suitable secretary moving forward. Suggestions will be especially welcome from clubs who are currently not represented on the committee. | | |
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| 7. | HONORARIA | | |
|  | No honoraria for this past season. |  |  |
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| 8. | TEAM FEES | | |
|  | The team fees for Season 2015/16 were £40 for payment on time, £50 if paid late. It was proposed by Alan Pearson that team fees stay the same for season 2016/17 and this was seconded by Michael Grant. | | |
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| 9. | CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS INTIMATED TO THE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY | | |
|  | No matters intimated. | | |
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| 10. | CONVENOR REPORTS | | |
|  | ***League Secretary*** | **Stewart Hamilton** |  |
|  | The West Squash Leagues all went well this season, nothing to report. There is a West Racketball League running this summer.  It was suggested from the floor to hold a SportyHQ seminar suggested to educate member clubs on how to properly use SportyHQ.  Gill McKenzie suggested a Team captains facebook group. | | |
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|  | ***Tournaments*** | **George Allan** |  |
|  | The west A and B events ran well, supported by SSRL. However, this season all tournaments run by West Squash were cancelled. Any feedback welcomed. | | |
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|  | ***Juniors*** | **Martin Woods** |  |
|  | MW stated that the committee are looking to develop a junior development strategy for the coming season, which clearly outlines a competition pathway for our younger players and includes the Upstarts tournaments, BigShots events and the Junior League.  *West Regional Coaching Programme*  During season 2015/16 the following squads were running:     |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Development B | 9 Players | Tuesday 4:30 – 6:00 PM | Scotstoun | | Development A | 8 Players | Tuesday 6:00 – 7:30 PM | Scotstoun | | Performance B | 9 Players | Tuesday 7:30 – 9:00 PM | Scotstoun | | Performance A | 8 Players | Thursday 8:00 – 10:00 PM | Scotstoun |   *Scottish Junior Inter-regional Championships 2015/16*  *Saturday 30th April/ Sunday 1st May 2016 - Colinton Castle Sports Club*  Under 11 Team – 2nd Place  Under 13 Team – 2nd Place  Under 15 Team – 1st Place  Under 17 Team – 2nd Place  Under 19 Team – 2nd Place | | |
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|  | ***Upstarts*** | **Billy Stevely** |  |
|  | Billy Stevely gave apologies and was unable to attend. | | |
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|  | **Coaching** | **Martin Woods** |  |
|  | The coaches used for the regional programme during season 2015/16 were George Allan, Stuart George, Jason Lang and Ross Lawrie. MW extended an open invite to all coaches who wished to come and observe any of the coaching sessions. | | |
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|  | **Refereeing** | **John Crawford** |  |
|  | See Appendix 2. | | |
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| 11. | SPORTYHQ UPDATE | | |
|  | It was agreed that SportyHQ had been a success over the past year. As agreed earlier in the meeting, the committee will look to hold a SportyHQ seminar to educate member clubs on how to properly use SportyHQ, for example, in how to set up box leagues or tournaments for their club. | | |
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| 12. | PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL AWARDS | | |
|  | This year’s winners of each division were as follows: | | |
|  | *Division 1* | Giffnock LT & SC |  |
|  | *Division 2* | Strathgryffe LT & SC 2 |  |
|  | *Division 3* | Whitecraigs LTC |  |
|  | *Division 4* | David Lloyd West End 2 |  |
|  | *Division 5* | Linwood Sports Centre |  |
|  | *Division 6* | David Lloyd West End 3 |  |
|  | *Ladies Division 1* | Western LT & SC 1 |  |
|  | *Ladies Division 2* | Hamilton |  |
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|  | Junior of the Year | Fraser McCann | (Newlands) |
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| 13. | ANY OTHER BUSINESS | | |
|  | As there was no other business, the 2016 Annual General Meeting closed at 8:30 PM. | | |



## APPENDIX 1 – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

**WEST SQUASH**

**ACCCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 06.04.2016**

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|  | **SEASON 2015/16** | **SEASON 2014/15** |
| **INCOME** | **£** | **£** |
| Team Levies | 3,590.00 | 4,145.00 |
| Sponsorship | 2,750.00 | - |
| Interest | 48.00 | 160.65 |
| Tournament Income | 2,574.05 | 2,048.00 |
|  | **8,962.05** | **6,353.65** |
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| **EXPENDITURE** |  |  |
| Junior Coaching | 4,693.58 | 3,937.00 |
| Courses | - | 112.50 |
| Tournament | 1,968.45 | 1,962.47 |
| Wesbite/ Software | 50.00 | 150.00 |
| Sundry | - | 291.70 |
|  | **6,712.03** | **6,453.67** |
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| **SURPLUS (DEFICIT)** | 2,250.02 | (100.02) |
| Opening Bank | 16,584.58 | 16,684.60 |
| Add Surplus (deficit) | 2,250.02 | (100.02) |
| Closing Bank | **18,834.60** | **16,584.58** |
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| **REPRESENTED BY** |  |  |
| Clydesdale Current a/c | 12,407.23 | 10,205.21 |
| Standard Life | 6,427.37 | 6,379.37 |
|  | **18,834.60** | **16,584.58** |

## APPENDIX 2 – REFEREES REPORT

Referees were supplied for all West Tournaments, although there is a distinct lack of active referees in the West at present.

We only have one active National grade ref - John Crawford, with Andy Philips stepping down, and Peter O’Hara no longer actively refereeing. We did have however the reappearance of David Mathie on the referee scene and he is prepared to get a little involved again. Only David Hughes was involved at Grade 2, although Neil Beveridge did pass his Grade 2 recently, and does volunteer for tournaments.

Courses were held at SSRC in September (12 attended) and Whitecraigs RFC in April (18 attended), with some appraisal being carried out at the Townend and Whitecraigs, Club Championships recently.

John Crawford (West) and Mike Halpin (East) were selected for the Men’s World Team Championship in Cairo in December– which was later cancelled due to security concerns by some teams.

John Crawford and Mike Halpin were selected for the British Junior Open at Sheffield in January.

Maureen Maitland (Grampian) was selected for the European Team Championships Division 3, in April in Bucharest, where Scotland Ladies won the event and gold medal.

John Crawford and Mike Halpin were selected for the European Team Championships Division 1, in Warsaw last week, where Scotland finished 3rd and won the Bronze medal.

We’re still looking for more referees to get involved in West and Scottish Tournaments.

For referee courses, mentoring, or assessments, contact:

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