



AGM – SUNDAY 5PM 11TH MAY 2025 @ CUMBERLAND CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Actonian's, Britannia, Brondesbury, Charring Cross*. Clissold, CM Ringers, Coolhurst, Cumberland, Finchley Manor, Harrow, Hazelwood, Hillingdon, Oakleigh Park, Outplay, Southbank, Southgate, Stormont, Uxbridge, Westway, Radlett, Mavericks

Non-Attendance: Paddington (PMN – Followed up for non attendance)

*Not currently an ES affiliated Club

AGM Agenda:

1. Reports
 - a) Chairs Report
 - b) Junior Chairs Report
 - c) Treasurers Report (Appendix A)
 - d) Development Officers Report
2. Elections (as outline in the Chairs Report)
3. Any Other Business

Apologies for Absence:

Martin Shippey, John Nicholson, Rick Prior,

Reports:

Middlesex Squash – Chairs Report Tim Taylor

Welcome to all who have attended today – thank you for coming and thank you to those committee members who have supported the counties activities this past year

Welcome also to this report into the activities of Middlesex Squash for the year 2023/24.

There are two ongoing key threads from the last few years – Junior Performance and Junior Development. The Junior Section is the county's main aim and is the subject of a separate report from the Middlesex Junior Squash committee. The senior committee in partnership with LSERF (London & SE Regional Forum) have focused on growing Squash in London especially via the London Youth Games (LYG).

The Winter and Summer leagues have continued with a small increase in participation, and a Summer League with an increased number of teams. However, we still don't have a Squash 57 (Racketball) league or one-off events and despite another try this year we do not yet have a Veterans league.

England Squash membership has changed and we will have our first reduction in Affiliation fees (despite the 100% guarantee as we lose the county levy that ES collected for us)

I am pleased to report that Middlesex also had good representation in the Inter-Counties with some notable success (especially the Ladies) – thanks to the captains for their input into selecting and organising teams.

To support this next phase of Middlesex Squash, and in line with our overall Development strategy, a new and updated website based has been launched.

We have identified that there is a huge opportunity for the development of squash in Middlesex and to maintain this we have continued to engage with the London & South-East Regional Forum (LSERF).

In collaboration with LSERF we have created the London Squash brand see LondonSquash.org.uk with the support of ES to promote major events and look at further opportunities for the nation's capital. To this end we had a presence at both the 2024 Optavia (Wimbledon) and London Classic (Ally Pally) tournaments. The current web site is for us to present our objectives to prospective partners and is not currently consumer facing.

Junior Chairs Report

Middlesex Junior Squash saw about 85 junior members over the 2024/25 season. Each junior was given the opportunity to attend 6 training sessions with lead coach Joe Lee or Dave Webster, as well as participation in 6 Middlesex junior box leagues.

Our BU13 reached the intercounty finals in Sheffield finishing 7th overall, whilst our GU15 finished 4th at the finals. Karen Mills continues to be a star in our programme currently ranked third in the GU15 in the UK.

Middlesex continues to run weekly programmes at Brondesbury and Cumberland (which has about 100 kids), has started a high performance programme with Joe Lee and continues to support clubs through the Squash stars programme and school outreach (Central Foundation Boys School).

Joe Lee has been officially announced as Middlesex head coach and Marco Hilgers as our new chair, marking a new beginning for MJS which is very exciting. 2025/26 season is looking forward to working more with Joe Lee, upgrading the website and working with Joe Magor of CM Stringers to introduce junior graded tournaments.

Treasurers Report – John Nicholson:

The Accounts Ending 30th April 2024 are attached and show a healthy state (NB as the AGM is held just two weeks after the end of the FY the formal accounts for approval are for the previous FY and not the one just ended)

Development Officer Annual Report – Trevor Peynado

Introduction

The past year has been a pivotal period for squash development in the county. This report outlines the key programs undertaken, successes achieved, and future priorities.

1. Club Development & Support

- Developing External Partnerships & Relationships – Beyond ES
- London Youth Games – Coordinating with LYG, Boroughs and Coaches/Team managers
Lead to the development of Tower Hamlets SC – Junior Programme, Community initiatives, etc.
- London Sport Expansion Programme - Tower Hamlets / Brent – pending.
Why Important – Provide Access to funding!

2. Sponsorship & Funding Growth

- Provided grant application support to clubs, ensuring financial sustainability.
- Enhanced marketing strategies to promote fundraising campaigns and sponsorship opportunities.

3. Challenges & Areas for Improvement

- Facility limitations remain an issue, resulting in a reduction in court access.
- Increasing engagement across underserved communities requires further targeted programs.
- More funding and sponsorship diversification needed to support long-term growth.

4. Future Plans & Strategic Priorities

- Expand junior participation through school partnerships and community based programs.
- Strengthen club collaboration, ensuring continued growth and sustainability.
- Secure additional funding, leveraging business sponsorships and grant programs.

5. Summary

This year has marked significant progress in squash development across the county. By continuing to build on these initiatives, we aim to foster a stronger, more inclusive squash community that supports growth at every level.

Committee Elections:

Elections - proposed/re-standing

Chair Tim Taylor

Junior Chair – Marco Hilgers

Junior Development Officer - Ivy Dieltiens

League Secretary - Ivy Dieltiens

Treasurer - John Nicholson

Safeguarding Officer - Ivy Dieltiens

Ladies Coach Team Captain/Teams coordinator - Ivy Dieltiens

Development Officer - Trevor Peynado

Committee Members: Rick Prior, Tony Morrison, (Andrew Long – standing down), Christine Trumper, Dani Ellis

All Committee members were duly elected by a majority.

Any Other Business: None Raised

Meeting Closed at 5.40pm

Post Meeting Note: Fatema – Agreed to join meeting.