

Haslingden squash club AGM and general meeting minutes

21/09/2026

Present : Simon Foster, Danny Allen, Les Butler, Steve Riley, Colin Couper

AGM

- 1) Election of Officers. All existing officers stood for re-election and there were no proposals for any new candidates for any post received.

Chair – Simon Foster – Proposed by Danny, seconded by Steve

Treasurer – Colin Couper – Proposed by Les, seconded by Steve

Secretary – Danny Allen – Proposed by Colin seconded by Simon

Development Officer – Les Butler – Proposed by Danny, seconded by Simon

Development Officer – Bernard Pickup – Proposed by Les, seconded by Simon

Committee Member – Steve Riley – proposed by Danny, seconded by Simon

Social Secretary – Aaron Duxbury – proposed by Simon, seconded by Colin (in Aaron's absence)

Squash England and North West Counties rep – Simon Foster with Steve Riley as deputy.

Justine Crabtree wasn't present but it is hoped she will continue her work for helping to promote ladies squash as part of the committee.

- 2) Colin Couper produced accounts for the last 2 years with this being the first full year of HSC using one account for all club finances. Accounts attached separately.

AGM Closed

General Meeting

- 1) NWCSL contact was discussed – it was clear that NWCSL had wrong or out of date information. Steve Riley corrected data on LeagueMaster for all HSC teams there and then. This includes stating a 6:30pm start for matches at Haslingden. It was suggested that away teams are asked if there are any dietary requirements so that we know how many cheese and onion pies to ask for – **ACTION – ALL TEAM CAPTAINS**

- 2) The various training sessions offered by HSC were discussed. These sessions comprise :

Wednesday evenings : 6:30 - 7:50.

Ladies squash is from 6:30 - 7:10 and then mixed squash training follows until 7:50.

Saturday mornings : 9:50 – 12:30

Junior squash

Sunday mornings : 09:50 – 11:10

Ladies squash

A new email address is now available training@haslingdensquash.org.uk which will forward to Les and Bernard for anyone to use regarding any of these training sessions.

These sessions need to be known about, and we especially need more juniors to get involved. Club members are encouraged to tell anyone who might be interested about these sessions.

ACTION - ALL

- 3) HSC on social media was discussed. HSC already has a Facebook page but it is rarely used. It was suggested that Lewis might like to be our social media lead –

ACTION - DANNY to talk to Lewis.

- 4) Training sessions with external trainers was discussed. Les was very impressed with the training provided by Danny Massaro previously, so Simon suggested contacting Danny with a view to holding possibly quarterly sessions assuming the fee is manageable. Amina was suggested as an alternative if Danny is unavailable. **ACTION – SIMON to contact Danny Massaro to discuss possibilities**

- 5) Finances were discussed, particularly the annual HSC membership fee. It was clear that several people using HSC are not paying either their £18 a year or £1.50 a month despite reminders.

It was agreed that Colin would send a reminder out that anyone playing in the box league, playing team squash or using any sessions where HSC has booked the courts should be paying their subs.

ACTION – COLIN to send a reminder

- 6) Post squash food was discussed. There was a unanimous vote in favour of leaving the current situation unchanged, however Simon suggested asking Nicola to vary the pie selection if possible.

ACTION – SIMON to discuss with Nicola

- 7) Team squash was discussed. Team fee collection seems to have improved considerably and it is being made clear that home fees need to be in cash. Team captains are asked to emphasise to their own players and also to the visiting captain (if possible) that home games need to start at 6:30pm due to the centre closing at 10pm.

ACTION – Team Captains

- 8) It has been suggested that we try to get the court heaters improved. A suggestion was made that HSC could contribute to the installation cost of the upgraded heaters on condition that the coin timers are removed. A simple timer switch could be used instead so that the heaters don't stay on unnecessarily.

ACTION – SIMON to discuss with RLT

- 9) Junior player numbers were discussed. Advertising in the Rossendale Free Press was suggested but strongly rebuffed by Les on account that 'nobody reads it'. The Haslingden Local advertiser was also suggested and Simon agreed to contact them.

ACTION – SIMON to contact the Haslingden Local

- 10) There is a squash poster at the Adrenaline centre but it doesn't give any actual information. Danny suggested a new poster giving contact details and training session times would be useful.

ACTION – LES to discuss with Bernard about a new squash poster

- 11) Since the courts were refurbished, all the advertising under the tin line has gone. Simon agreed to arrange new tin stickers

ACTION – SIMON to get new advertising for the tins