

Minutes of AGM held 9th August 2011 at Fairways Lodge Prestwich.

Those in attendance: Barry King, Bernie Gill, Cindy Gill, Peter Withington, Steve Withington, Steve Kaye, John Gibson, Frank Cygler, Liz Edge, Glen Ragou, Dave Scurlock, Gary Caldiera, Matt Walker, Tom Dwyer, Thomas Fairhurst

Apologies from: Julian Wilson, Ian Bradburn, Susan Meadows, Neil Rodda, Bob Houldsworth, Paul Smith, Mike Farrington

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes, which were accepted as correct.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Sue Easton on her retirement from her long service to the Juniors as Chair and team organiser.

The Chairman then reported on another good season in terms of individual and team performances. Particular mention was made of Laura Massaro becoming the first Lancashire lady to be National Champion.

The County Closed was held at Fairways Lodge again without a sponsor. The Men's event was a thoroughly entertaining match between rising junior star Matt Sidaway & Ky Hibberd Matt eventually triumphing. In the Ladies final Jeannine Cowie was too strong for Junior No.1 Lauren Tamila, & then went on to beat Stef McFeeley in the Ladies Over 35. Nigel Willis continued his dominance of the Over 35 men by beating Glen Ragou once again. In the Over 45's Nigel Willis demonstrated his fitness by beating Stuart Wardle & in the over 55's Phil Shacklady beat his Markland Hill team mate Bob Houldsworth. In the first Over 65's. Peter Withington had no respect for the Chairman who was saving himself for the inaugural Mixed Racketball event. Unfortunately Bernie Gill suffered a rare injury & let his partner Judy Ragou down, suffering their first ever defeat to Michelle Kaye & Peter Withington. In the first Ladies racketball round robin event Dawn Tyson proved too strong for Judy Ragou & Michelle Kaye

On behalf of the Treasurer, Graham Horrex, the Chairman reported that income had decreased due to lack of sponsors & a reduction in rebates. Unfortunately expenditure had increased mainly due to the costs of Inter County matches. NWCSL rebate was down because we were waiting for the final payment.

Barry King reported that the Men's over 60 lost to Sussex in the semi-final. Liz edge reported that the Ladies over 50's team struggled against strong opposition due to injuries to key players. Steve Kaye reported that the Racketball 1st round in Leicester was a shock but the weekend in Bristol was enjoyable.

Following the retirement of Sue Easton, a meeting of Lansca elected Peter Withington as acting Junior Chairman & decided that county coaching would be carried out in 4 areas, Manchester, Wigan, East Lancs & Blackpool. The Junior County Closed would be held at Fairways Lodge on 24/25th Sept.

The Senior County Closed would take place one week later at the same venue.

No changes were proposed to the County Constitution, but there were major changes to ESR Constitution which may affect us in the future. The meeting voted to oppose the changes to the ESR Constitution which would disenfranchise the clubs & instructed the Chairman to complain about the ESR website.

The meeting closed at 2130, the Chairman thanked all for attending.