

**PONTEFRACT SQUASH AND LEISURE CLUB**  
**AGM MINUTES - 18 JULY 2011**

**PRESENT**

Alex Hodgetts	Richard Bramall	Gill Choyce
Elliot Ridge	Steve Fletcher	Margaret Rotherforth
Ben Hodgetts	Gary Whiteman	Chris Salt
Diane Haigh	Mick Todd	Julie Wileman
Danielle Haigh	Alan Sykes	Gary Siddall
John Taylor	Keeley Ridge	Terry Dudley
Paul Bibb	Mike Sharp	Michaela Lee
Howard White	Lee Beachill	Claire Barcliff
Richard Hobman	Gillian Bibb	Brian Norrish
John Walsh	Kath Eccles	Chris Gallagher
Dave McNamara	Shaun O'Donaghue	Clare Horton
Mark Shipley	Carl Southward	Craig Duggan
Cate Cooper	Cheryl Lonsdale	Ray Harrison
Paul Cooper	Chris Emmerson	Ian Wright
Sarah Brown	Chris Emmerson	Craig Mansfield
Steve Ridge	A Booth	John Richards
Scot Steel	P Thackray	Ian Bateman
J J Maeer	Dean Wileman	Connie Appelbe
Nicola Beachill	Cindy Todd	Graham Mair
Julie Nevins	Saurav Ghosal	Mark Binns
Josie Walsh	Diane Gallivan	Jack McPhee

**APOLOGIES**

Simon Smith.

**INTRODUCTION**

Giles Choyce, Council Chairman, opened the meeting having already circulated copies of his introductory letter.

**Dear Members,**

With reference to last year's letter this has been a period of positives. The grant for the four courts upstairs eventually came through, unfortunately not in time for the Europeans. The championships were a resounding success both from a sporting perspective and importantly financially. Many thanks again to everyone who took part.

The expected growth in membership due to the courts and gym transformation has now taken place and is continuing.

Financially the club is in good shape. The partnership which has developed between Mick, Margaret and Simon (our Accountant) is reaping dividends in that the club is growing but with improving finances at the same time. A bank loan was offered to the club but on Simon's advice following detailed analysis, was rejected as too much of the club's future profits would have gone to the bank. In the short term our priority now is to pay down the members and directors loans as quickly as possible.

The club is still going to improve in spite of the loan situation. I think everyone will agree that Mick's transformation of the lounge into a shabby chic saloon, although not costly, has been a great success.

Lastly there seems to be some confusion as to the status of the Club. Pontefract Squash and Leisure Club is a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC). A not for profit company. As such it cannot be bought or sold and belongs to its members. The CASC status gives us important tax advantages and rate relief, the down side is that any assets on dissolution have to go to another

CASC or charity. The building belongs to Mick as our landlord and he also has title to the leasehold of the land with Wakefield Council.

I am feeling very upbeat about the club this year and feel sure that this will continue with the help and support of you all.

My best wishes to you all,

Giles Choyce  
Chairman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Copies of the minutes of last year's AGM held on 6 July 2010 had been circulated and their approval was proposed by Diane Haigh and seconded by Steve Ridge.

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END OCTOBER 2010:**

A copy of the accounts had been made available for the member's perusal at reception. On the recommendation of the Council, a resolution for acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Richard Hobman and seconded by Connie Appelbe.

**COUNCIL ELECTIONS:**

As set out in the Articles of the Association, two members of the Council stood down and offered themselves for re-election - Gill Choyce and Simon Smith. Two other nominations had been received - Mark Shipley proposed by Chris Gallagher and Carl Southward proposed by Mark Shipley. A ballot was held to elect two members onto the Council and the votes received were; Simon Smith 63, Gill Choyce 57, Mark Shipley 8 and Carl Southward 10. Simon Smith and Gill Choyce were therefore elected.

**AOB:**

Questions from the floor.

Clarification on the role of the Council Directors was requested:-

Mick Todd - Chief Executive.

Giles Choyce - Chairman.

Jayne Robinson - Child Protection and Web Site.

Simon Smith - Qualified Accountant.

Ian Bateman - IT.

Richard Bramall - Legal Advisor (Solicitor).

Terry Dudley - Tournament Organiser.

Gill Choyce - Secretary.

Margaret Rotherforth - Club Manager.

Margaret and Mick are none voting members of the Council.

To make the club more responsive to members, the Articles of Association and the make up of the Council are going to be looked at.

Giles added that the time and date of Council meetings will be given more publicity allowing any member who wishes to raise an item to be discussed to approach a Council member.

Swipe cards; a recent introduction which ideally are of greatest benefit in conjunction with a barrier system - a project which the club hopes to use when funds permit. At the moment the swipe card is more effective in the gym where they have their own computer and just one entrance.

Drink charges for non members; Margaret clarified that the cost of drinks in the function room is already higher than in the members lounge.

Car parking; with increased membership, car parking space is sometimes difficult at peak times. Unfortunately the cost of a barrier system is not feasible at present but we are looking at a more affordable interim solution by marking and resurfacing.

Information circulation; forthcoming events are already posted on the noticeboard at the top of the stairs and it is hoped that once the glitches in the web site are corrected we can keep members updated on forthcoming events, tournaments and results both internally and nationally where members, particularly juniors, have been successful.

Suggestions from the floor; a pro forma distributed periodically would enable the club to keep updated on all e-mail addresses etc.

**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

July 2012.