

Minutes for the Wycombe Squash and Racketball Club Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25th November 2025

1. Attendance

Present: The meeting was held at the club and was well attended.

Board Members: Richard Kershaw (Chair), Steve Hill (Company Secretary), Tina Kershaw, Wade Kirkaldie, Rhiannan Casap, Matt Corder.

Members: Margot Nichols, Dave Nichols, John Green, Heidi Leseur, Mike Wood, Julian Francis, Sue Risbridger, Jon Ould, Mark Brown, Fiona Piare, Alex Piare, Ce'Nedra Goosen, Petr Nezdarilik, Simon Rodwell, Julia Saunders.

Apologies received: Rachael Holmes, Matt Fleming, Martyn Lowe, Peter Golding, Bob Hawkins, Alex and Nick Perry, Rob Wallace.

2. Introduction

Richard Kershaw thanked everyone for coming and introduced the agenda.

3. Minutes from 2024 Annual General Meeting

The motion to accept the previous minutes was approved unanimously.

4. Board Report

Richard Kershaw presented the Board Report.

Richard summarised the report, that had been circulated prior to the meeting.

He highlighting the many positive aspects of our club, with over 280 members, with many men's and women's squash and racketball teams playing in the local community, a strong junior program, and financial reserves of over £90,000.

Richard listed some of the many improvements and repairs that had been made during the year, and thanked all who had contributed. He singling out for special praise Rob Wallace for maintaining the drains and hedges, and the team who replaced ceiling tiles on two courts, including Martyn Lowe and Sam Kirkaldie.

Richard observed that the club faced financial challenges that will be discussed later, but he finished by comparing the state of our club to the Thame club, which has had to close in recent months.

Wade Kirkaldie, Men's Captain, presented a report on the success of the various teams.

[Editors note: Wade provided this report for circulation with the AGM minutes:]

Teams

We must record our thanks to all the captains who drive the teams and acknowledge that teams make our Club stand out. We bring juniors through and keep competitive squash and racketball alive across Bucks and Berks.

We run Men's and Women's teams in the Bucks and Berks leagues.

Women's Bucks Division 1 - WSRC Nightingales, Captain Heidi Leseur / Laura Marshall

Women's Bucks Division 2 – WSRC Swifts, Captain Ce'Nedra Goosen

Women's Bucks Division 2– WSRC Robins, Captain Rachel Thomas

Women's Bucks Division 2– WSRC Wrens, Captain Tina Kershaw

Women's Bucks Division 3 – WSRC Starlings, Captain Tina Kershaw

Men's Teams & Standings:

Team	Captain	2024-25 Season			
		Div	Postion /No in div	Win/ Loss	Points [Winning]
1 Bucks 1	Simon Rodwell	1	1st/9 Champs !	14/2	224 [224]
2 Bucks 2	Matthew Allanson	2	3rd/6	5/5	109 [169]
3 Bucks 3	Tim Bark-Jones	3	6th/9	4/12	143 [262]
4 Berks WSRC Temple 1	Toby Frances	Prem	3rd/8	8/6	102 [129]
5 Berks WSRC Temple 2	Wade Kirkaldie	3	1st/8 Promoted !	10/4	217 [217]
6 Berks WSRC Temple Vets	Jon Ould	1	3rd/7 Best ever finish!	5/7	123 [223]
1 Berks Summer WSRC Temple 1	Toby Frances	Prem	5th/6 Relegated	4/6	67 [177]

The club had an excellent 2024-25 of competitive squash. Congratulations to the Bucks 1st team (captained by Simon Rodwell) who are the reigning Bucks Champions!

In addition, congratulations to Emily Coulcher-Porter (17) who's 2025 season was sensational. Her 'hand-swap' technique is unprecedented in top squash. Some of us in the Jurassic period will remember Englishman, Peter Marshall, reaching World No.2 during the Khan era with his unorthodox gripping the racket with both hands style! Emily's 2025 highlights:-

Feb25 – U19 French Junior Open Title

Jun25 – 1st PSA Challenger Title at the Berkhamsted Open

Jul25 – Semi-finalist in the Dutch U19 Junior Open

Jul25 – 3rd place play-off in the European Junior U19 Open

Jul25 – Reached 3rd round of the World Junior Championships in Egypt

Aug25 – Represented England at the World Junior Team Championships in Cairo

Aug25 – Qualified for the 1st round of the British National Championships

Nov25 – British Junior U19 Nationals Title

To conclude, we as a club are fortunate to have 5 top quality courts, social bar, an excellent professional coach, and one of the largest junior participation programmes in the South East. Long may it continue! Lastly, big thank you to Tina and Richard plus all the bar staff from the team captains and players.

Tina Kershaw, Women's Captain, described the large and very successful female side of the club as "having a lot of fun".

5. Accounts for Year Ending 31st March 2025

As Matt Fleming could not attend, Richard Kershaw presented the finalised accounts for the last complete financial year ending 31st March 2025, that had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Dave Nichols asked how much the club benefited from the Postcode Lottery. Tina replied that the club received varying amounts of about £50 per month.

There were no further questions, and the motion to accept the accounts was passed unanimously.

6. Financial Forecast and Pricing

Steve Hill gave an outline of the current financial forecast.

Steve described how the financial performance during the first half of this financial year (~£11k loss), had been much worse than the same period last year (~£3k profit).

Steve compared the last two complete years with this one and showed how the number of members drives revenue and therefore performance. With 285 members the current forecast is about a £10k loss this year. The break-even point this year is about 303 members.

If membership remains around 285, and assuming 3% cost inflation, with no price rises, the club is forecast to make a £15k loss during the next financial year (1st April 2026 - 31st March 2027).

Steve praised Tina for her ongoing drive to control costs wherever possible, and stated that to further reduce costs would require the club to 'stop doing something', which would reduce revenue.

The board had decided not to recommend any raise to membership or court pricing this AGM, since that may be counter-productive. (Bar and shop prices are reviewed at board meetings and are changed as required.)

There was a general discussion about possible revenue opportunities such as advertising on courts, sponsorship for teams, and pay and play.

There was a discussion about the impact that Padel is having on the club.

Steve finished by suggesting two messages that the attendees should pass on to the wider membership;

It's your club, use it or lose it!

Bring some of your new-found Padel friends to the club and show them racketball, especially during the cold wet winter months.

To a warm round of applause, Ce'Nedra Goosen volunteered to join the board and focus on marketing the club.

7. Election of Board Members

Richard thanked Rachael Holmes for her service to the club as she is standing down from the Board.

Ce'Nedra Goosen was elected to the Board.

The other existing board members are all standing for re-election.

No vote for Board Members was necessary as there were only single candidates nominated for each of the vacancies.

The Board Now consists of

Richard Kershaw – Chair
Matt Fleming – Treasurer
Steve Hill – Company Secretary and Financial Forecasting
Wade Kirkaldie – Men's Captain
Tina Kershaw – Women's Captain and Membership Secretary
Matt Corder
Ce'Nedra Goosen
Rhiannan Casap
Martyn Lowe

8. Any Other Business

None

9. Closing Remarks

Richard thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.