**Chairman's report – Matt King**

Since the last AGM the following new committee member have been installed;

Tracey Waldron-Pegge left replaced by Vanessa and Wendy (Ladies Social Secretary)

Cameron left to be replaced by Finn Aimer (Junior Assistant Coach)

Harrison left to be replaced by Rich Green (Bar)

Matt discussed the successes with the ladies and Junior game.

A Thank you to Max for the continued success of the leagues and the effort he has put into the new cup competitions. Thanks to Mike Kirkby for the accounts report and best wishes upon stepping down from position of treasurer. Thanks for the work Ian Tanner has done in his position as safeguarding officer and the work he has done on the bar.

Welcome to Rich Green and he is sure the Bar is in safe hands as he has already made a positive impact on its running.

Thanks to Finn Aimer and Ben Schur for the coaching on Saturday mornings.

Matt mentioned the Charity events held raising over £1000 for 3 charities.

Matt commented that Membership is the number 1 priority focus for the committee and that he is confident the club can attract more members.

**Club Captain’s Report - Max Ball**

**Winter League 22/23:** Success in the second division & second racketball team

**Club Championships 23:** New look competition which iden8fied the next generation of team players

**Summer League 23:** Building on the success of 2022

**Shropshire County Closed:** Team Effort with Lee Picken and Pete Morgans from Shrewsbury SRC

**Winter League 23/24:** Currently 5 teams plus 2 racketball teams

**Shropshire Team Cup 23/24:** 7 x AB Cup teams / 7 x C Cup Teams

**Lower League Friendlies:** Introducing the next generation

**Future:** Shropshire Squash Club 2.0 after the success of the Shropshire squash club rebrand need help to push ahead into the future with new committee members. Max was feeling positive about the future of the club and fresh ideas.

**Social Secretary’s Report by Vanessa Dee**

**Ladies Sunday Morning Squash:** Make use of vacant court 8me to increase female participation. Op8mis8c this can introduce new members to the club in 2024

**Social Event Review:** Looking forward to working with the new committee to bring more social events to the club in 2024. Surveying members to find out what they want to see.

**Club Spirit:** Recognise social events are a key tool to connect the membership and engage those who tend to play squash and leave without socialising afterwards

**CreaEng the 2024 Calendar:** Currently working the club captain and others on the committee to create a programme of events for the new year.

**Ladies Report by Wendy Lloyd**

**Pizza and Prosecco:** Continues to be relaxed event for introducing ladies to squash, bringing others back and integrating people into the club. Averaging 8-12 regulars from 20 last year. Attendees pay for pizza and prosecco separately making events self-funding.

**Team Effort:** Linda and Becky (coaching), Debbie (social media), Mel and Sophie (running warm ups and some court sessions), whilst I organise the food and drink for evenings. Tracy Waldron Pegge: Acknowledged the work Tracy put in to bring in new ladies to the club. Have had 3 new ladies for Oct/Nov evenings.

Target for 2024: 16 attendees per event considered optimum amount. Hoping for a couple of new faces per month, eventually converting these into members.

Reviewing the new format with female players over Christmas break to see what is preferred. Looking to work with the school to incentivise people to be involved from January and if needed, look at new ways to advertise the event.

Appealing for more coaches in 2024, either from the existing pool or the club sponsoring ladies to do their level 1 coaching.

Damian Jay working to do group coaching and Ladies Summer League in the new year with the former starting hopefully in January.

**SSC Junior Report by Ben Schur**

**Player Numbers:** Roughly 20 – Close to 2021 figures when the £15 Saturday membership was introduced. 5 juniors currently playing in leagues and 3 regularly playing in county leagues.

**Squash Stars:** 20 children were introduced to squash through the Squash Stars programme last year, of which 3 have joined the club - 2 parents have become members. Current Squash Stars course has 7 participants.

**County Teams:** Billy Schur and Fin Aimer represented Shropshire in BU19, Max King, George McGurk and Fred Schur in BU11 at intercounty championships. BU11 qualified for na8onal plate finals and finished 2nd behind Sussex.

**County Champions:** Lucy Chanter GU15, Fred Schur BU11 and BU13, Josh Evans BU17 & Billy Schur BU19

**Goals & Proposals:**

• **Improve retention of Squash Stars;**

• **Increase number of girls playing** on Saturday mornings

• **Recruit 2 new coaches to ES Level** 1 to help coach on Saturday mornings and help at school events

and community fes8vals.

• **Introduce a Junior Club Night: 6-7pm every Sunday,** before adult club night allowing all junior

members so that they can play another night of the week.

• **Match fund with SSRC and Shropshire Squash** to provide free coaching opportuni8es to Shropshire school girls. Using junior funds to pay for coaches and costs to run a free pay and play supervised session once a week. Other costs include marketing squash to all of the schools.

**Bar Report by Richard Green**

**Bar changes and improvements.**

Since taking on the role of Bar manager in the summer I’ve introduced a few improvements to help the running and stock control of the bar. These include: -

**The Sum Up the touch screen Point Of Sale self-service system.**

If I do say so myself this has been a big break through in controlling our stock levels, sales and improving sales ease of use for our members over the previous methods. This has enabled me and the treasurer to monitor every sale when put through the system, giving us real time access to stock levels.

**Stock audits and stock control.**

Once I started completing stock audits and monitored the sales and cost prices of the stock, I was able to make a few price reductions, which I hope our members noticed and appreciated during the current cost of living crisis. I have also taken on board suggestions with regards new lines and drinks to add to the bar and remain fully open to any other suggestions. **Please note** we have a percentage of missing stock purchases highlighted on the monthly stock audits, it is mandatory to use the POS system for every **cash and cash** purchase, remember the bar is the only income for the club and the profits are used for improving and maintaining the club.

**Personal License.**

I’ve also recently successfully passed my Person License exam and being approved by Shropshire County Council, receiving both my certification and card. This covers the sale of alcohol within the premises under the terms of the license.

**Facilities Report from Ed Moore (written up from verbal at AGM)**

A thanks to the members of the Committee for the hard work over the last year. The membership is down to 149 which is a 15% drop off and is in line with the national average. The school plan to work with the committee to improve membership numbers with an optimal level being around 200.

The school has been concentrating funding available on other sports facilities, and I am sure the new facility for football and hockey has been noted. The school is planning to work with the committee to establish priorities for the squash courts and how that fits in with the wider plans and priorities.

Regarding the bar operation. There have been complaints over 24 months of noise as people leave the club late, a glasses being left out and bottles left lying around. The operations team finish at 10.15 so the bar should close then. It is possible to make exceptions for arranged social events.

There have been complaints from members regarding the heating. The school has reviewed its policy on energy use, the heating has been reduced across the site to help with carbon footprint as well as rising energy costs. The school will work with the club to ensure the club is heated at peak times.

Regarding parking, it is recognised that the School now has a lot more non school related visitors which has caused difficulty to the club member parking at times. A new car park has been installed on the Porthill side of the site for the football pitch which should help relieve the problem.

The timetable for the school to use the courts, 2 till 6 for school children to have a clear path from pupil times to member times.