

Squash AGM

This years Squash AGM is booked for the 7th April at 18:00.

Mike Hallam has decided to step down as Chairman of the Squash section, he will however remain an integral part of the club as a whole. Mike will continue to be part of the Executive Committee in his role of Liaison officer, this role forms a link between Squash, Cricket and the Club house with the Executive Committee.

As a committee we would like to thank Mike for all contributions to the Squash section over many years, much of this time he has also been Chairman of the section. Over the years Mike's contribution has enabled significant change to occur within the section and Club as a whole. A few of these contributions are mentioned below, these are the major events. That said, there are many smaller but equally important (if not more so) activities that Mike has contributed to over the years, the amount of time that Mike has spent on the day-to-day running of the club will have gone unnoticed by most but without his dedication the club would not be as it is now.

The Cleethorpes Pro tournament started life in 1998, over the years this has attracted world class professionals to the club, Mike's connections and place in the local squash community has been fundamental in enabling this tournament to take place putting squash on the map in the area.

Alongside many others the development of junior squash has been seen a fundamental task of the committee, the junior section has had its ups and downs over the years and there is always a churn of players as they grow and find other things in life... It is always good to see these players come back during holidays and use the courts. Post covid the section was hit hard with many juniors not coming back. Mike has always been adamant that we need a strong junior section and has been a vocal voice on the committee to ensure it remains at the top of our agenda.

Equity within the Club management structure. Our club is now known as Cleethorpes Cricket and Squash Club, this has only changed in recent years, Mike has spent many years fighting for equity within the club and that we should see the club as a whole, not just as a Cricket or Squash club. Representation on the Executive Committee has improved and we now have a strong voice on the Committee.

We now have two Yorkshire League and one Lincs league team within the Club, this is a fantastic achievement which could only have been achieved with the ongoing financial support of the Executive Committee on top of this is the ongoing support offered by all of our sponsors.

Many will remember the old changing rooms, in 2012 there was an opportunity to apply for a grant from Sport England this we did and were successful in our application. The £50,000 award enabled new changing facilities for male, female and juniors. This was a clear enhancement for the section.

Continued development of the squash facilities have taken place, LED lighting, new off-court flooring, decoration, my-courts. Whilst many will say this should just happen, it does not without a committee or leadership.

In 2020 we entered the Covid area, like many organisations the future at times looked bleak. Many will not know the contribution that Mike gave during this period acting as one of four directors they effectively kept the club running during the lock-down period and post lock down recovery.

Mike has spent many years supporting Squash at the club, he will continue to do so but in different ways. As a section we need to thank Mike for his constant effort and hard work in enabling the growth of the great club that we have.

We cannot stand still, at the upcoming AGM there will be vacancies on the committee, including Chairman (key aspects of the role are including at the end of this document) a nomination form has been placed on the notice board in the foyer. In order to continue to move the section forward we need your support and participation. If anyone would like further information, please have a conversation with any of the committee members.

Squash Committee March 2025

Chairmans Role

Key Activities

- Attend monthly Executive meeting with report regarding last squash committee meeting and any issues that need resolving by the Executive committee.
- Be responsible along with the rest of the committee for behaviour of members on and off court.
- Provide Squash budget for each year including income and expenditure.
- Liaise with current club sponsor (Stuart Anderson The Van Franchise) or any other possible sponsor.
- Alongside the Junior coach, ensure the continuation of Junior coaching.
- Drive the committee to hold a presentation evening for the Squash section, this could involve the club being closed to others.
- Have discussions with the club Liaison officer * (Mike Hallam) as required.

** Liaison officer is another link to the Executive Committee, will be responsible for maintenance activities within club as a whole.*