



SCOTTISH SQUASH LIMITED (SSL)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
14:00 HRS 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

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MINUTES

Present:

	Member Club	Club Rep.	Additional Club Reps.
In-person	1. Shell/Pecten Squash Club	Paul Charlton (ASRC by Proxy)	
	2. Aberdeen Squash & Racketball Club		Danny Selway
	3. Colinton Castle Sports Club	Archie McCue	Jonathan MacBride
	4. Watsonians Squash Club	Paul Macari	
	5. Broomhill LT&SC	Paul King	
	6. Bridge of Allan Sports Club	Stewart Penman	Allison Penman Kyle Penman Merryn Penman
	7. SSRC, Glasgow	Paul Paton	John Thistle Joe Ewan Hakim Dim Dave Sturman Jason Broadberry
By video link	8. Inverness T&SC	Ailsa Polworth	Mandy Craig-Gould
	9. Crieff Squash Club	Suzanne Wilson	
	10. Dunfermline Squash Club	John Allan	
	11. Linlithgow Squash Club	Roy Miller	
	12. Nairn Sports Club	Alan Paton	
	13. Forthill Squash Club	Willie Irvine	
	14. Whitecraigs Rugby Club	Hans Kaven	
By proxy	15. Stewartry Community Squash Club	Doug Walker	
	16. Wick Squash Club	David Craigie	
	17. Dumfries Squash & Racketball Club	Jim Scriven	
	18. Sguais Uibhist	Conor Lawless	

SSL Board of Directors (in attendance):

In person: Mark Adderley (President & Chair), Maggie Still (Chief Executive), Alan Marshall



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(Vice-President & Director [West nominee]), Marc Hope (Finance Director incl. Commercial & Stakeholder Engagement), Tommy van Huuksloot (Director [Grampian nominee]) & Graeme Jones (Director [Performance]).

By video link: Jennifer McArtney (Director [Tayside & Fife nominee]) & Stuart Tennant (Director [Legal]).

SSL Staff (in attendance):

In person: Garry McKay (Chief Operating Officer), Paul Bell (Director of Squash), Allan McKay (Director of Development) & Stuart Monteith (Membership Engagement Officer).

1. Welcome

Mr Mark Adderley, the President and Chair of the Management Board, welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Ahead of the formal business commencing, The Chair facilitated a silence in recognition of the recent passing of Her Majesty the Queen.

2. Apologies

A list of those who submitted apologies can be found in Appendix 1.

3. Minutes of 2021 AGM

The [minutes of the 2021 AGM](#) were approved as a true and accurate reflection of the 2021 AGM. Proposed: Alan Marshall / Seconded: Marc Hope

There were no matters arising.

4. 2021/22 Annual Report

The Chair and Chief Executive presented the [2021-22 Annual Report \(addendum\)](#), reflecting on a year of rebuilding and recovery following the impact of the pandemic.

The outgoing Chair confirmed that the vision for squash as the healthy sport remained as the long term aspiration and that the mission, values and strategic pillars of the current plan remain as important as ever. The recent medal winning performance at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham was noted as a mark of the progress and overall health of the sport.

The Chief Executive expressed thanks to the outgoing President, Mark Adderley, for his passion and enthusiasm for the sport and in particular recognised the equality, diversity and inclusion focus that he had brought to the role.



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The Chief Executive reflected on the ongoing challenges for clubs as we continue to recover from the pandemic, the reach and profile achieved from the hosting of the World Doubles Championships in Glasgow in 2022 and the success of the performance team at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

The Chief Executive and Marc Hope also paid tribute to all the sponsors and partners who had remained committed to supporting squash and thanked them for their ongoing investment, with a particular mention for our lead investor, **sportscotland**, and our title sponsor, Springfield Properties.

In closing, the Chief Executive encouraged the sport to continue to engage in the consultation process for the development of the new long term strategic plan, outlining that a new investment cycle application to **sportscotland** would be presented in late 2022.

The Chair invited comments and asked for the 2021/22 Annual Report to be approved.

The Annual Report was approved by the members. Proposed: Paul Macari / Seconded: Paul Charlton.

5. Adoption of 2021/22 Accounts

The Chair presented the examined financial statements for 2021/22.

The Chair gave an overview of the financial year, outlining that:

1. turnover had increased to reflect the increased activity following the pandemic;
2. membership fees had again been waived, to support clubs with their recovery from the pandemic, and thanks to support from the **sportscotland** SGB Covid Fund; and
3. a year end surplus of circa £5k would be used to support the replenishment of the reserves, ensuring that the reserves remained within the company's policy range.

The Chair invited comments and asked for the 2021/22 financial statements to be approved.

The Annual Accounts were approved by the members. Proposed: Jonathan MacBride / Seconded: Tommy van Huuksloot.

6. Appointment of Accountants/Auditors



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The Chair reminder the meeting that whilst there is no formal audit required, the income and expenditure account is independently examined on an annual basis.

The Chair asked for approval for the Management Board to appoint, and to fix remuneration for, the accountants for 2022/23 – outlining that it was the company's intention to retain Condies. Proposed: Alan Marshall / Seconded: Graeme Jones.

7. **Subscription Rates – 2022/23 Membership Year**

The Vice President, Alan Marshall, presented an update on the new Squash in Scotland membership structure and expressed thanks to all the regions, clubs and members who had engaged in the consultation process across the last two years.

The Vice President outlined the club and individual membership packages and the subscription rates that had been approved by the Management Board, confirming that club renewal/registration is already over 50%.

The Vice President facilitated a question and answer session and all FAQs are being added to the website for public display.

8. **Special Resolution 1: Amendment to Articles of Association**

In introducing Item 8, the Chair confirmed that a vote was required. The Chair explained the voting process, confirming that member clubs carry the votes based on their total membership as reported via their 2021/22 annual return.

The Chair facilitated a show of hands and based on the results below, the resolution was agreed unanimously.

- For (including the four proxy votes) = All
- Against = none
- Abstentions = none

9. **Confirmation of Directors**

The Chair confirmed that David Coutts (Director [East nominee]) and Walter McAllister (Director [Central nominee]) were both stepping down and, together with Steve Black (Director [Grampian nominee]) who had resigned earlier in the course of the year, were all recognised and thanked for their service to the Board.

The Chair asked all attendees to note that the other two existing Regional Directors, Alan Marshall (West nominee [& Vice President]) and Jennifer McArtney (Tayside & Fife nominee), would be joined by Tommy van Huuksloot – following his nomination by the Grampian Associated Regional Association – to serve on the Board for the forthcoming year. The Chair also confirmed that a nomination from the Highlands &



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Islands Squash Association had been received and that such confirmation should be passed at the next Board meeting.

The Chair also confirmed that with there being only one nomination for President, Mr Paul Macari was duly declared elected and became the President and Chair of the SSL Management Board.

In accepting the role, Paul Macari introduced himself by confirming that he was honoured and proud to be taking on the role in a sport that he has enjoyed a lifetime of involvement in, as both a player and parent, and stated his desire to give something back to the game. In recognising the challenges faced by clubs, Paul also noted the opportunities on the horizon and especially following the recent progress and success across many areas of the sport.

By way of the above, the Management Board was confirmed as follows:

President – Paul Macari

Chief Executive – Maggie Still

Vice President (& Director [West nominee]) – Alan Marshall

Finance Director (incl. commercial & stakeholder engagement) – Marc Hope

Regional Director (Central nominee) – vacant

Regional Director (East nominee) – vacant

Regional Director (Grampian nominee) – Tommy van Huuksloot

Regional Director (Highlands & Islands nominee) – *tbc*

Regional Director (Tayside & Fife nominee) – Jennifer McArtney

Director (legal) – Stuart Tennant

Director (performance) – Graeme Jones

Director (player) – Lisa Aitken

9. Close

With there being no further business, the new Chair, Paul Macari, closed the official 2022 AGM at 1530 hours.



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Appendix 1

Apologies

1. Lisa Aitken (Director [Player nominee])
2. David Coutts (Regional Director [East nominee])
3. Walter McAllister (Regional Director [Central nominee])
4. Lisa Dickenson (Sutherland Squash Club)
5. Martin Woods (Western Squash Club)
6. Maureen Carroll (Dunblane Sports Club)
7. Scott Weir (Craighelegh Squash Club)
8. Gregor Gillon (Bridge of Allan Sports Club)
9. Kevin Ferguson (**sport**scotland)

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