

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Malta Squash, held on Monday 23rd May 2016 at 6.00pm at the Marsa Sports Club

Present: Liz Said – chairperson
Mark Lupi – secretary
Ivan Balzan – treasurer
Robert Sultana – PR
Jean Paul Navarro – IT
Bradley Hindle Deguara – junior programmes
Joe Zammit Lewis – sponsorships

Excused: Sandro Zammit
Jason Stivala

Malta Squash members: Colette Sultana
Kijan Sultana
Nigel Dunkerley

The minutes of the AGM of 2015 were approved.

The chairperson's report followed highlighting the events and achievements of 2015 and plans for 2016

The treasurer read the accounts which were approved by all present

1. Ivan Balzan pointed out that for the first time ever Malta Squash had made a profit. It was decided that these funds should be used for summer training camps for juniors. Robert Sultana and Bradley Hindle to work out a programme, decide venue and dates. The various clubs to be approached to get the best rates for court fees. Nigel Dunkerley said that the training could also be held at Cynergi, because their rules have changed. Kids are now allowed if there is a ratio of one adult for every five kids. The sessions should be held during July or August.
2. Robert Sultana said that the annual barbeque and presentation of awards for the National League should be held in August, following a tournament on the same afternoon. Out of courtesy we should ask the Marsa squash section if they would like to join us. The venue should be either the Marsa Sports Club or the Al Fresco restaurant at the InterContinental Hotel.
3. Bradley Hindle suggested that Malta Squash should apply to host a European junior tournament. Robert Sultana agreed that we should aim for a slot for August 2017. Bradley said that there is a chance for a junior exchange programme with Egypt.
4. Malta Squash is being kept busy with a number of tournaments planned for the coming months. On the 7th of June there is the Battle on the Rock 2 at Cynergi Health and Fitness Club. On the 2nd July we have a racket ball tournament and on the 23rd July a fund raising tournament to support Mark Lupi who will be climbing Kilimanjaro.
5. It was agreed by all that the Interclub league should be revived. The best teams of each club compete against each other in a friendly tournament.
6. Ivan Balzan said the Italian Squash Association is interested in including a team from Malta in their league. The team will be made up of 4 men and 1 woman. The cities taking part are Bari, Riccione, Milan and Catania. Ivan Balzan to meet a representative of the association in Bari to discuss this

possibility. He also said that unfortunately our bid to host the European Team Championships 2017 had been refused because of the limited spectators' space behind courts one, two and three.

7. Nigel Dunkerley is to put forward proposals with regards to the reviewing of the court fees at Cynergi Health and Fitness Club. The first step should be for off peak and better rates for Malta Squash members. He also said that there are plans for the squash courts at the club to be relocated to the Eden Arena.
8. Bradley Hindle suggested that the Annual General Meeting should be held every two years instead of annually. For obvious reasons this is not possible but it was decided that we should hold the AGM in January of each year.
9. The committee resigned and as the only nominations received were from Liz Said, Mark Lupi, Ivan Balzan, Robert Sultana, Bradley Hindle Deguara, Joe Zammit Lewis and Jean Paul Navarro, they were all re-elected. Sandro Zammit and Jason Stivala did not seek re-election.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.47pm. The new committee stayed on after to decide on the various roles of its members.

