



# Squash Wales AGM 2026

Minutes • Monday 5 October 2026 • Online via Zoom

**Chair:** Richard Bennett

**Present and apologies:** Russell Edwards, Nick Edwards, Phil Brailey, David Evans, Mike Harris, David Mason, Tomos Rosser, Rhodri Hughes, Mark Palmer, Arwel Jones, Luke Mussa, Matthew Carter, Ryan Davis, Richard Drinkwater, Mel Davies. No apologies received.

**Meeting start and finish times:** 7pm start, finish 7.18pm

These minutes record the financial, operational and performance reports presented to the Annual General Meeting, together with the decisions and follow-up actions.

## 1 Previous AGM minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as read. No outstanding actions or matters arising were reported.

## 2 Financial report

The meeting reviewed the financial year ended 31 March 2026. Income increased from approximately £396,000 to £474,000, principally through events. Additional Sport Wales funding also contributed to income, with part of this funding passed on to clubs.

Income sources included events, Sport Wales grants, Academy and National Squad contributions, shop sales including merchandise, balls and goggles, and coaching course fees.

Salaries were slightly lower because of a short staff vacancy during the year. Non-pay administration represented 8% of expenditure, below the reported 10% target for governing bodies. Domestic event expenditure increased by approximately £7,000 alongside higher event income. International programmes and performance support expenditure increased by approximately £10,000.

A surplus of approximately £62,000 was reported, compared with a deficit of approximately £13,000 in the previous year. The Board noted that the timing of income and expenditure, including competition cycles and Easter, affected the annual result.

## 3 Appointment of accountants

It was proposed that Arthur Gait continue as the organisation's accountants for the year ahead. No objections were raised.

## **4 Operations and participation report**

Overall membership increased by 33% year on year. Retention remained a priority, with staff focusing on converting the growth into sustained membership and engagement.

Events performed strongly, with increased entries. The Welsh Junior Open attracted 151 entries. Activity at the Royal Welsh Show generated 64 new members.

Summer squash camps attracted over 130 children across Cardiff and Swansea. Expansion to Bangor was planned.

The second Welsh Wheelchair Open at Rhiwbina was reported as successful and had attracted international interest. The meeting noted Squash Wales' developing reputation in wheelchair event delivery.

Squash Wales maintained Level 2 child safeguarding status and continued to meet anti-doping and Sport Wales governance requirements. Their importance to continued funding was noted.

## **5 Performance and squads report**

Greg Tippings departed in May. Mike Harris had been appointed National Performance Coach and had recently started in post. Members welcomed Mike's appointment. Mike would review the current performance systems and make recommendations on training delivery and player pathways.

Weekly training was available in Wrexham, Cardiff and Swansea, with Swansea recently added. The meeting noted the value of accessible weekly Academy training and tailored Sport Wales strength and conditioning support.

Welsh players continued to achieve strong results. Joel Makin was reported as UK number one and a world top-ten player, although recovering from injury at the time of the meeting. Several Welsh players were ranked within the PSA top 100.

The senior men's and women's teams retained their places in the top division at the European Team Championships. Junior teams met or exceeded their seedings at European championships, and strong Masters performances were also reported.

## **6 Motions and elections**

No motions or election nominations had been received by the deadline. No votes were required on these items.

## **7 Date of next AGM**

The next AGM was scheduled for Monday 4 October 2027. Members were asked to note the date in their diaries.