

OTSC AGM

18th June 2025 at 7pm

Present

Linda Fraser, Colin Millar, Bob McCulloch, Susie Hutchieson, Billy Thomson, Oscar Mercer, Nick Burton, Elaine Craig, Pete Mackay, Jackie Kersley, Caitlin & Ishbel Mackay, Mark Lockhart, Peter Strange, Robbie McKinnon, Melissa Oatts

Apologies

Lynda Oxland

Introduction

The Chairman, Pete Mackay apologised for the lateness of the AGM partly because waiting for accounts. The AGM will take place in March next year.

1. 2024 Minutes

Colin Millar, would like to adjust the wording re: West Highland Tennis.

He did not say 'there is no longer the support or recognition from Tennis Scotland' Certainly in his contact with relevant people in TS they are keen to support our club, but did not feel that WHTC should remain grade 3. It should read:-

'CM stated that 'Tennis Scotland felt that we did not fulfil the current criteria for a grade 3 tournament hence regraded to grade 4. This may have disadvantaged us with other competing grade 4 events that were logistically easier for players (eg central belt) to attend'

With this change in mind, the minutes were approved.

2. Chairman's Report

OTSC/Atlantis agreement is in place. We had a number of teething problems initially but going well now.

Events

February 2024 –

Laura and Danny Massaro visit which was a fantastic weekend with a good turn out.

Nick Burton organised socials and new leagues. Great to have the club on Instagram. Thank you to Nick. We need to cater to the youth market.

April 2024

Visit to Laura Massaro's club which was a fantastic visit with great squash.

The club purchased new long-sleeved tops
We held a fun quiz night.

May 2024

We held introduction sessions to tennis and squash for Oban High School pupils.

June 2024

We held a mixed team competition which was well attended and won by Ron Cordeiro and Kenny Drummond.

Allander Club visit which was very successful.

July 2024

Archie Niven visited and successfully beat everyone!

We passed our Safeguarding Assessment

PM passed Level II coaching course.

August 2024

Gents Open Squash competition

September 2024

Open Club Squash Championships

November 2024

Quiz night at the Masonic Lodge which was interesting and great fun!

PSA tournament

December 2024

Kids Christmas Film - a lot of fun for all ages.

'Old Oban' slideshow at the bowling club – really interesting and thanks to Bob McCulloch.

PM passed Level 1 officiating course and officiated at Heriot Watt.

We have 6 members signed up for the Level 1 course.

Other events in 2024 included – Martin Woods coaching, junior tennis and Squash, monthly Fort William competition and private coaching by Pete and Peter.

Thank you to our event sponsors – Alchemy & MKM and also to our other sponsors – Tin Sponsors, Lorna McLeod, MacQueens, Hinba,

MacNiven Electrics, D Maclean heating and the Ravens. Thank you also to Jackie.

3. Treasurer's Report

We are solvent and the accounts have been looked at by Duncan Grout, Clements.

Jackie has pointed out that the true cost of the PSA is closer to £7,000 and that the accounts do not reflect this. This does not change the bottom line, it is down to how Pete Mackay has recorded expenditure categories - he will adjust for the subsequent account(s) to reflect a more accurate figure.

Our outgoings were:-

Advertising & Promotion	
Sports shop clothing	£2,322
PSA 2024	£2,200
Danny & Laura Massaro	£1,240
Sundries (prizes & engraving)	£ 871
Printing	£ 392

On the balance sheet there is one incorrect entry which is:-
MKM - £1,000. PM is happy to go into details.

4. Atlantis Report

The OTSC/Atlantis agreement is functioning well.

The Safeguarding assessment was passed.

Atlantis like the blue couches - we all do! The Lounge makeover has made it a much more pleasant environment for everyone.

5. Tennis Report

As attached report.

Membership for tennis and squash has remained broadly the same as the previous year.

6. Junior Tennis Report

As attached report.

Thank you very much to CM for all his hard work.

The ideas of a practice hitting wall and a Padel court were raised. These projects Are in the process of being discussed by the committee.

The state of the tennis courts was raised. Atlantis do have a regular cleaning schedule. To clarify when it's done and discuss with Atlantis.

7. Squash Report

Ladies night is still going very well and Pete and Peter are doing a great job.

Nick has taken over the mens' leagues. The ladies leagues have died a death. JK Will put it on the group chat and see what they want to do and then contact Nick to organise. All participants need to be members.

We are hoping to get Martin Woods back and the PSA is on 7th-9th November.

The Fort William monthly competition has stumbled due to FW unable to raise a team for 2 months but hoping to resume shortly.

Thank you to Andy Jamieson for his very generous donations and also thanks to MKM, Agric Industries. Other sponsors include Mark, Billy and Dave Bleazard.

The ladies club championship is in November, the gents open 22nd November.

There is a squash competition on 16th August and normally a competition on the morning of the PSA.

8. Junior Squash

It is a very successful programme which is developing well and they are great to watch. Lesley has stepped down and Ishbel has been assisting on Saturdays. Robbie McKinnon has also offered to help. Many thanks to Lesley.

9. Constitution & Rules

There are no 'audited accounts' and PM - and the committee - believe that the cost of auditing the accounts is not justified and that "independently assessed" accounts suffice.

It was questioned whether we should amend the minimum of 20 for a quorum. There are fairly stringent requirements for amendments to the club's constitution, including a 28-day notice period. To be discussed at a committee meeting!

10. Election of Committee

Lesley Fraser, Colin Millar and Liz Clunie have stepped down from their roles on the committee.

The following committee was approved:-

Chair/Treasurer:	Pete Mackay
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Secretary:	Melissa Oatts

Squash Convenor:	Jackie Kersley
Tennis Convenor:	Melissa Oatts
Welfare/Safeguarding:	TBC
Committee Members:	Kenny Drummond Grant Addison Mark Lockhart Robbie McKinnon

11. AOCB

The tennis practice wall and Padel court will be discussed by the committee.
We will try and hold the AGM in March next year so that subs can be sorted.
Atlantis decide on the fees for the club but the club has an input. The majority are happy with this arrangement. CM will look at accounts and clarify the figure per person Atlantis give to the club.

12. DONM

March 2026 - TBC