



**Committee Meeting - 8th November 2016  
7.30pm Duffield SC.**

**Minutes**

Attendees: Gill Ford, Jonathan Brooks, Ray Patrick, Helen Wilson, Mark Fidler

Apologies: Phil Scully

**1 - Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising.**

Minutes were taken as a true and accurate record.

**2 - Secretary.**

Send the files supplied by England Squash to GF and JW.

**Action: JB**

England Squash AGM is on 30<sup>th</sup> November, send apologies.

**Action: JB**

**3 - Treasurer.**

Currently outstanding payment of league subscriptions are:- The Manor, Alfreton, David Lloyd, Lichfield, Queens Park, Repton, Sandiacre and Nottingham.

**Action: RP**

Note to be put on website relating to the above.

**Action: GF**

Since last mtg:                      Expenditure - £900 (Trophies, balls, Intercounty, competition).  
   Income - £2045 (Subs, sponsorship & Junior competitions).  
   Balance - £6600.

**4 - Website.**

Copy of the league 'score card' to be put on the website.

**Action: GF**

**5 - Leagues.**

All up to date.

## **6 - Welfare.**

List of Derbyshire squash facilities to be forwarded to MF.

**Action: RP**

There are a number of training events for MF to attend to ensure he has the correct qualifications to enable him to fulfil the role. Costs will be covered by the County.

Details of regional contacts to be forwarded to MF.

**Action: RP**

## **7 - Development.**

Inter-county training is going well and players are enjoying the sessions. County training numbers are a bit down, however, so not quite self-funding (but nearly). One of the training dates could be at the Sheffield Open on 5th Feb. Coach paid to be court side during the tournament to watch and advise our elite players.

No-one has come forward for (free) training as a level 1 coach

No-one has come forward for training as a marker

A hand full of juniors will train as official ES helpers come April 2017, (when they turn 14)

ES sent us 12 pairs of goggles and 24 balls and some posters. The idea is to gift them to the clubs where they have a coaching programme for juniors.

## **8 - Juniors.**

The next GP will be held at Ilkeston.

Junior Intercounty results were as follows:-

U13 boys playing in stage 2 plate won a few games. George Salisbury (1) won one match in the tie against Cheshire. Also played Merseyside, Durham, Merseyside. No1 Chris Jerram's knee injury meant: everyone played up, and 8 year old Harry Watson made his county debut; and took one of the games!

U17 girls playing in stage 2 plate won two matches to win the tie against a depleted Worcestershire team to take their place in plate finals again.

U17B Boys playing in stage 2 plate beat Worcestershire 4-1, lost 3-2 to Shropshire and won 4-1 against Norfolk, so just missed out on plate finals (to Shropshire).

U17A Boys playing in Stage 2 finals; lost heavily to Warwickshire and slightly less heavily to Lincolnshire. No-one got a game.

## **9 - Closed & KO Cup.**

KO Cup draw is on the website.

Updated 'closed' entry form to be sent to PS for comment.

**Action: GF**

## 10 - County Squads.

Men's O60 came top beating Warwickshire and Shropshire.

Men's O35 came 2<sup>nd</sup> beating Nottinghamshire but losing out to eventual winners Leicestershire.

Men's O55 last being beaten by both Lancashire and Cheshire.

Gill has put links to all the intercounty dates; this also includes which counties are playing.

## 11 - Any other business.

Jo recently attended the "Regional Forum" and the following is a précis of that meeting.

### 1. Regional Coaching

- Neil Guiery (England Squash) feels EM is a weak region for junior squash and so if he applied the ES Aspire standards to pick a regional squad it would be a very small group. So instead, proposing a 5 year plan to improve junior squash in the region.
- 1st Regional event on 27th Nov at the 'Park' for him to meet all the county coaches and 15 players from each county, and their parents.
- On the 27th Neil will also setup a Regional Coaching forum, which will work independently of the Regional Forum, thus the day to day running would not require any input from the Regional Forum
- Neil reports back to ES.
- Neil is doing the admin for the Regional Coaching job and will probably setup a Facebook page as one way of communicating with his audience.
- Neil will come to our county training and other county events such as Grand Prix to look at players and get to know the people running them
- He will also (if needs be) go to club level where there seems to be any scope for improvement there.
- He has a very free reign and has a very broad view of how he can help.
- He has asked to be copied in on the activity we are currently providing.
- He will help analyse what each county has in assets (coaches, venues, etc), he will support and provide CPD for the coaches.

### 2. Grass roots coaching

- Lincolnshire are already sorted; a coaching company rings schools and delivers the sessions in schools and then picks up the keen ones into their clubs
- Nottinghamshire already sorted in the North with Andy Hay, and they already have plans to widen his brief to cover the whole county, with Andy setting up the sessions and other coaches delivering them (the model he has offered to do for us)
- Leicester and Derbyshire and presumably Northamptonshire have no formal county wide grass roots delivery, though Lesley does some in Duffield.

### 3. County coaching

- Suggestion that county sessions within the region are visited by Neil in rotation and that session then becomes, by his presence, a Regional session and other juniors from the region could come along too. Extra numbers could be catered for as there would be two coaches; the regional coach and the county coach.
- If that happens, we need to share our county calendar with Neil and the other regional coaches
- This would be instead of having regional training events (for the first mentioned reason), and allows Neil to work with existing players across a greater range of ability

### 4. ES Money to Regional Forum

- The presumption from the Forum members is that they are expecting the ES money again this year. If that does happen, I would suggest the CA applies for the full amount.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Duffield SC (7:30pm)

J Brooks  
24<sup>th</sup> November 2016