

**DERBYSHIRE SQUASH & RACKETBALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7.30PM 24th June 2015
Nightingale Hall,
Rolls-Royce Leisure Centre, Moor Lane,
Derby. DE24 9HY**

Present:

Committee: John Beastall (President), Gill Ford (League Secretary), Ray Patrick (Treasurer), Phil Scully (Men's County Captain), Helen Wilson (Junior Representative), Jonathan Brooks (County Secretary).

Club Representatives and Other attendees: Mike Craven (Queens Park), Kevin Britchford (Rolls-Royce), Doug Whitfield (Burton), Sandra Albinson (David Lloyd), Jane McIntyre (Ashbourne), Michelle Doran (Ashbourne), Jo Wallis (Princes Sports Club), Lesley Sturgess (Duffield), Debbie Rogers (Duffield), Ray Patrick (Hood Park), John Holmes (LA Fitness), Steve Coppard (King Edward VI), Dave Cresswell (Draycott), Rodger Mann (Bradley House), Anthony Horsley (The Manor), Paul Oldham (The Manor), Lee Watson (Repton), Simon Evans (Repton).

Apologies: Alfreton LC

Clubs not represented: Sandiacre Friesland.

Welcome address by John Beastall - President

- Welcome everyone to the 2015 Derbyshire Squash & Racketball AGM
- It's great to see such a good turn out from all the Clubs
- Everyone should have seen an AGENDA and last years MINUTES that we will be going through this evening.
- We are going to go through things in a timely manner so people can get off home at a reasonable time.
- Since Graham Hall's resignation last year we have not yet appointed a new Chairman. I would just like to thank Graham for the hard work he put in during his time as Chairman.
- If anyone is interested in putting their name forward to become a committee member or the position as Chairman then please let me know.
- I would just like to thank the current members of the Committee for all the hard work they have continued to put in to Derbyshire Squash and Racketball. Without their great

effort and commitment we would not have a platform for all of us enjoying the Squash and Racket Ball sporting calendar. PLEASE SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION.

- At the AGM this is your opportunity to have your say so please feel free to raise issues for discussion during the meeting.

1. Previous Meeting and matters arising

The previous meeting was held on 25th June 2014 held at Alfreton Leisure Centre, Church Street, Alfreton, Derbyshire. DE55 7BD

The minutes of that meeting were available on the website and there were no matters arising notified to the committee.

Acceptance of these minutes as a true record.

Proposed by: Steve Coppard

Seconded by: Lesley Sturgess

2. Election of Officers / Committee and Vacant Positions

Nominations:

John Beastall (President).

Jonathan Brooks (County Secretary)

Ray Patrick (Treasurer)

Gill Ford (League Secretary)

Phil Scully (County Captain)

Helen Wilson (Junior Representative)

Welfare Officer - Mark Fidler

Development Officer - This post is currently being filled.

Chairman - Vacant

Racketball Coordinator - Vacant

Competitions Coordinator Officer- Vacant

Marketing Officer - Vacant

Age Group County Captain - Vacant

No other formal nominations had been received for any DSR post and it is proposed that the current committee be re-elected en block

Propose: *Elect en bloc*

Proposed by: Doug Whitfield

Seconded by: Jane McIntyre

3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Copies of last years accounts were circulated during the meeting for comment.

Cash in hand has reduced by some £200 to £7000 but this is still a healthy position against an annual expenditure of £4100. So still a good position.

Income last year increased by £90 mainly in the areas of subscriptions from clubs and a profit at the county closed competition.

Subscriptions were slightly up on last year but we did revert back to £55 for the winter leagues. England Squash and Racketball rebate was in line with the previous year. Some clubs still have their summer league fee outstanding.

On the expenditure side there was a reduction of £400 on the previous year however there was an increase in the area of county expenses as claim levels have been raised.

In summary cash reserves have reduced by £200 but our working capital continues to be maintained in excess of one year's level of expenditure which has been our golden rule since DSRA went bust several years ago.

See Appendix 1 for details.

Acceptance of Accounts

Proposed by: Kevin Britchford

Seconded by: Sandra Albinson

4. Development - Helen Wilson

The management committee has co-opted Mark Tasker and Jo Wallis to support the Development of Junior Squash in the county along with myself. Together we have formed the DSR Junior Development Team (JDT)

So far, we have pulled together information on most of the active junior players in the county, with players and parents being very supportive and appreciative of this new set-up.

Mark Tasker is an ESR UKCC level 3 advanced coach and so is well qualified to be a county coach. His main focus is junior squash, so we are very lucky to have secured his services for the county.

One of the main aims of the JDT is to provide regular and frequent coaching sessions for all the juniors to train together. The 1st of these was held at Ilkeston and it went very well being attended by 23 players from all cardinal points in the county. The next session is this coming weekend at Princes sports club.

Our role, as we see it is to make recommendations to DSR about which junior inter county teams to enter and we will look at the younger players who might be ready to play in the U11 Festival in the spring, and help the players train for, and generally support, this county activity.

Using the DSR website, we will highlight the Grand Prix events, nearby ESR sanctioned events, and county and regional training sessions, thus creating a yearly calendar which will help parents and players organize weekends well in advance.

The structure we are putting in place will help young players see their pathway through the sport and encourage participation and help retention of players in this beautiful game. **THEY ARE OUR FUTURE!**

Any queries, please speak to myself or Jo Wallis.

5. Junior Section - Helen Wilson

Junior Squash Grand Prix Events:

This season has seen 58 players from Derbyshire and the surrounding counties play in these popular Junior Squash events. We have many talented young squash players and should be proud of them all. These Grand Prix events are merely a stepping stone towards bigger and better achievements for some and for others the events provide the opportunity for them to play squash at a slightly more competitive level than perhaps they are used to and they are a starting point for players to play, and enjoy, the game of squash.

As usual, events were held at Princes Club, Duffield and Ilkeston Manor and some tremendous squash has been played, not just by those in the top groups but also by some of the newcomers to the game too. I hope that many of the players will step up and play in ESR sanctioned events and represent Derbyshire at inter-county level.

End of Season Awards.

Sportsmanship Award, - Sam McMylor

Best Newcomer Award - Jake Bamber

Our Most Improved Player Award - Max Higginson

Future Champion Award - Adam Brass

GP Points Trophy:

Runner-Up - Kieran Shelley

Winner of the Grand Prix Title - Molly Tomlinson

Junior InterCounty Achievements

Three teams were entered with the following results:-

Girl's U17 - Runners up in the final which was a good result as some of the team were playing up from the U15 age group.

Boy's U15 - Came 2nd in the group.

Boy's U19 - Came 3rd in the finals.

6. Derbyshire County Leagues - Gill Ford

In the winter leagues the number of clubs entering increased by one although the number of teams entering was slightly down at 52. The result being a total of over 290 matches being organized. At the close of the season there were as usual a small number of matches not played. These were closed off after a few weeks to officially end the season.

We will present the League Trophies 2014/15 at the end.

7. County Knock-Out Cup 19th April, Ashbourne Leisure Centre

A good finals weekend brought the Derbyshire Squash and Racketball season to a close. Thank you to Ashbourne Leisure Centre for hosting and Helen Wilson and Phil Scully for organizing the event.

Congratulations to:

Section A Princes 1 bt Duffield 1

Section B Princes 2 awarded with a walk over

Section C Hood Park 2 bt Lichfield 2

Ladies Ashbourne bt David Lloyd

Trophies will be presented at the end.

On a separate note it came to our attention too late that a couple of teams had fielded ineligible players in some of the rounds. The same rules apply as in the leagues, namely that you cannot play for a lower team if you are tied to a higher team due to league matches played for that team at the date of the match.

8. County Championships 23/24 & 25th January, The Manor Health & Rackets Club

Congratulations to:

Mens Adam Turner bt Phil Scully

Mens Handicap Matt Barton Walkover Mike Best

Mens Plate Owen Whitfield bt Adam Armiger

Mens O45 Charlie Wall bt Jason Fearn

Mens O45 Plate Don Davis bt Felix Frixou

Mens O55 Nigel Millington bt Neil Nightingale

Mens O55 Plate Rob Lathbury bt Mike Dyer

Womens Lesley Sturgess bt Lyndsey Petrey

Womens O40 Sue Smith bt Lesley Sturgess

Thanks again to Helen and Phil for organizing and also The Manor Health & Rackets Club for hosting the event.

9) Summary of County Teams

LEAGUE	M SENIOR	M SENIOR B	W SENIORS	M 035	W 040	M 045	W 050
PREM							STAY
DIV 1	STAY			STAY	STAY	STAY	
DIV 2		STAY	PROMOTED				
CAPTAIN	PS	JS	LS	CW	LS	JF	LS

LEAGUE	M 055	M 060	RB SENIORS	RB 040
PREM		4TH		3RD
DIV 1	STAY		PROMOTED	
DIV 2				
CAPTAIN	RL	JB	PS	JF

PS	PHILLIP SCULLY
JS	JOHN SLATER
LS	LESLEY STURGESS
CW	CHARLIE WALL
JF	JASON FEARN
JB	JOHN BEASTALL
RL	ROB LATHBURY

10. Achievements by Derbyshire Qualified Players and Teams

- JOEL HINDS - WORLD 83. Won 2 PSA events in Portugal and France.
- ASHLEY DAVIES - WORLD 152 reaching final of Jersey squash classic tournament, beating two top 80 players in other PSA events.
- MILLIE TOMLINSON - WORLD 54 - u23 cap for Great Britain, Under 23s ladies Great Britain closed winner, holds 5 WSA titles.
- LESLEY STURGESS - 12TH year and 14th cap playing for England this time for the ladies 055
- SUE SMITH - Cap for England ladies 045s, runner up in Czech Open (045s)
- MURRAY SCOTT - Men's over 50s National champion, runner up over 50s British open
- ADRIAN WRIGHT - over 70s national runner up, British open semi final
- JOHN ROBERTSON - over 70s nationals and British open quarter final
- DUFFIELD - Winners of the PSL league !

11. Website www.derbyshiresquash.co.uk

The site has been revamped to use the latest type of layout. Also the keen eyed will have spotted that there is now a player ranking list for each club. This can be found on the 'club' page. It is important that this list is correct and up to date as it will be used to confirm

player eligibility. Any updated list must be available before the start of the season to ensure it is on the website at the time of a clubs first match.

Within your clubs please mention the website to all players and if you want to get a mention on the website for a match result or an outstanding performance or achievement by an individual player you can send it with photos if available through to Gill and we will endeavour to publish on the website.

Be sure to subscribe to the mailing list. This will allow us to target members directly.

Any suggestions for the content/display would be most welcome.

12. Presentation of League Trophies 2013/14

Summer League 2014

	<u>Champions</u>	<u>Runners-Up</u>
Div 1	Duffield 1	Lumb Farm 1
Div 2	David Lloyd	Lichfield
Div 3	Sandiacre Friesland	Duffield 4
Div 4	Queens Park 1	Ashbourne 2

Winter League 2014 / 2015

	<u>Champions</u>	<u>Runners-Up</u>
Premier	Princes 1	Duffield 1
Div 1	Princes 2	Burton 2
Div 2	Lichfield 1	Queens Park 1
Div 3	Draycott 2	Hood Park 1
Div 4	Hood Park 2	L A Fitness 2
Div 5	Lichfield 2	Ashbourne 2
Ladies	Ashbourne	Duffield

13. Any other business

- John Beastall - Raised the issue of why the Men's O60 and O65 InterCounty teams play on the same night.
- Ray Patrick - England squash membership for all players competing in the Derbyshire leagues. A number of clubs have looked into this previously, Doug Whitfield to follow up on Burton Squash Clubs involvement.
- Phil Scully - the format of the 'premier' league is to be reviewed, various ideas were discussed including splitting the league into two groups of four with promotion/demotion at the Christmas break or a smaller league but playing the other teams three times instead of two. If anybody has any ideas then please email Phil and they can be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- Rolls-Royce requested that their home games be played at the start and end of the season. This is to alleviate the problem they are currently suffering from of cold courts. This should not be a problem from a league arrangement point of view as very often a team will play consecutive home matches.
- Paul Oldham - The Manor, asked if it would be possible to organize a Racketball knockout competition. This is a possibility although we are currently without a 'Racketball Coordinator'.
- La Fitness advised that the club may soon cease to exist as the current owners are trying to sell the club and site.
- The issue of PAR scoring was raised in that we should change to this format for all the divisions and not just in the 'Premier'. The issue of potential short matches was the main criticism of this scoring method although it should be possible to increase the number of points to be played to 11 or even 15. We need feedback from all the clubs on this.

Jonathan Brooks
Secretary DSR

Appendix 1

DERBYSHIRE SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION 2014 / 15

INCOME

	2013 / 14	2014/15	Change
Cash in Hand	8002	7275	-727
Subscriptions	3199	3261	62
England Squash rebate	415	408	-7
Levy	134	0	-134
County closed	0	170	170
Sub Total	3748	3839	91
Total	11750	11114	-636

EXPENDITURE

	2013 / 14	2014/15	Change
			£
County expenses	2086	2314	228
Lge Sec. Fee	750	775	25
Printing	0	0	0
County closed	18	0	-18
Website maint.	295	285	-10
Development	375	85	-290
Cup Fees	65	0	-65
Trophies	526	518	-8
Grand Prix	200	0	-200
Misc	160	0	-160
ESR insurance	0	100	100
Sub Total	4475	4077	-398
Cash in Hand	7275	7037	-238
Total	11750	11114	-636