

**DERBYSHIRE SQUASH & RACKETBALL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
7.30PM 22nd June 2016  
Nightingale Hall,  
Rolls-Royce Leisure Centre, Moor Lane,  
Derby. DE24 9HY**

**Present:**

**Committee:** 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:** Andy Wills (Queens Park), Kevin Britchford (Rolls-Royce), Doug Whitfield (Burton), Jane McIntyre (Ashbourne), Paul Doran (Ashbourne), Nick Melton (Princes Sports Club), Richard Grindrod (Duffield), Lesley Sturgess (Duffield), Dean Gregory (Duffield), Debbie Rogers (Duffield), Jon Brooks (Hood Park), Steve Coppard (King Edward VI), Nick Drew (Draycott), Julia Muzyka (Bradley House), Lee Watson (Repton), Simon Evans (Repton), Eric Archibold (Sandiacre Friesland).

**Apologies:** Alfreton LC

**Clubs not represented:** David Lloyd, The Manor.

**AGENDA**

1. Previous Meeting - minutes and matters arising.
2. Election of Officers / Committee and Vacant Positions
3. Treasurers Report and Accounts
4. Development
5. Junior Section
6. Derbyshire County Leagues
7. County Knock-Out Cup
8. County Championships
9. Summary of County Teams
10. Achievements by Derbyshire Qualified Players and Teams
11. Website [www.derbyshiresquash.co.uk](http://www.derbyshiresquash.co.uk)
12. Presentation of League Trophies
13. Any other business

Please note that in accordance with the DSR's Constitution only Member Clubs are able to vote at the AGM, one vote per club. A Member Club is affiliated to England S&R and has at least one team in the Derbyshire Leagues.

## **1. Previous Meeting matters arising**

**24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 held at Nightingale Hall, Rolls-Royce Leisure Centre, Moor Lane, Derby. DE24 9HY**

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: Doug Whitfield

Seconded by: Paul Doran

## **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)

Mark Fidler (Welfare Officer)

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

Chairman - Vacant

Racketball Coordinator - Vacant

Competitions Coordinator Officer- Vacant

Development Officer - Vacant

Marketing Officer - Vacant

Age Group County Captain - Vacant

*Propose: **Elect en bloc***

Proposed by: Kevin Birchfield

Seconded by: Eric Archibold

### **3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts**

You will find a copy of last years accounts with the handout.

Cash in hand has reduced by some £600 to £6100 but this is still a healthy position against an annual expenditure of £6000. So still a good position. Income last year increased by £1500 mainly in the areas of England Squash funding from a regional budget and sponsorship. Overall an increase of £1500 on last year. Subscriptions were in line with last year as was our England Squash rebate. On the expenditure side there was a large increase of £1900 which was mainly in the areas of junior development and trophies. Other areas very much in line with the previous year. In summary cash reserves have reduced by £600 but our working capital continues to be maintained in line with one year's level of expenditure which has been our golden rule since DSRA went bust several years ago.

I do have a concern for the next year as I expect expenditure to be in line with this year. This means that if ES funding is not forthcoming and we fail to get any sponsorship funds will reduce by some £2000.

Two other points:-

Very few clubs have paid their summer league subscriptions so prompt payment would be appreciated.

Secondly I would like to propose we increase the summer league subscription from £25 to £30 next year. This was put to a show of hands and was agreed by the majority present.

Finally England Squash have launched a new web site which you may be interested to view to see the improvements over the previous one.

**For details of accounts see Appendix 1**

#### **Acceptance of Accounts**

Proposed by: Simon Evans

Seconded by: Steve Coppard

### **4. Development -**

Jo Wallis has been co-opted by the committee to be part of the Derbyshire Junior Development Team.

The team is comprised of:

Helen Wilson; the junior's representative on the committee

Mark Tasker; the coach

Jo Wallis; organisation and administration.

This is a summary of the current season.

There have been 8 county wide training sessions during the year; held at Princes, Duffield and Ilkeston. Each session is divided by ability; not age or gender, into 3 groups, and each group has 90 minutes on court with the coach. Around 25 players attend each session. We have had good feedback from parents and players and these sessions have helped our juniors feel part of something bigger: DERBYSHIRE! The county association is crucial to allow players to develop their skills & identity as both squash players and team members. There is now a data base of 60 junior players across the county who are actively improving their squash skills. This, along with my new permissions to administrate on the Derbyshire SR Facebook page allows us to communicate with all the juniors who want to be involved in junior county squash. Do check us out on Facebook, and if you 'like' our page, all new 'postings' will appear on your 'timeline' (ask any child for clarification on any of these terms)! All 60 juniors have been provided with a new county training shirt: black on white, to mirror the county team shirt which is white on black. They were paid for using the subs each child pays to attend the coaching sessions. They look very smart, and again, I believe it is things like this that helps the players feel a part of something bigger DERBYSHIRE!

I organised an England Squash One Day Sanctioned Bronze Tournament: the Roy Hatfield Ltd Derbyshire Junior Open, which took place on 22nd May at Princes. 56 Players came from far and wide to compete: from the Channel Islands to Northumberland and from many places in between. Eleven players from Derbyshire made the cut; unfortunately seven more players entered, but hadn't got quite enough ranking points, to get into what became a hugely over subscribed and highly competitive squash event. We had two England players from Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire do battle for the U17 boy's title and I am pleased to report that local lad Sam Hay (who plays for Queens Park) won out! Derbyshire Juniors Oliver Hall and Libby Leivers both finished 2nd in their age groups.

Speaking of ranking points: 19 of our juniors appear on the ES junior rankings. Notably Libby Leivers, proving that #squashgirlscan. When she left the U13 age group last month she was ranked 5th in England! She is now in her 1st year at U15 and is currently ranked 24th. Well done Libby. Oliver Hall is ranked 37<sup>th</sup> in England at U15; another great achievement. A full list of our juniors rankings are on our Facebook page and the ES website.

Moving on to our junior Inter County Teams. We entered 5 teams this season; Boys U13,15,17 and girls U15 & 17. Each team was supported by a Team Manager; who was usually a willing parent, but the rookie U13 boy's team were lucky to be managed by Steve Hough, who is a coach from Glossop. For me, theirs was the stand out performance. We just about scabbled together a team at the very last minute to wrap around Adam Brass, a promising young player from Glossop, but, do you know, they did superbly well. 4 young players from Duffield, stepped in, stepped up, and rose to the challenge of playing in the Derbyshire team shirt, though at the time, I don't think they, or their parents really knew what they were letting themselves in for. Well, much to their surprise, they beat Nottinghamshire in their 1st match and ended up hosting the national plate finals at Duffield! They didn't beat Kent, Dorset or Merseyside, in that final, but they all did us proud. U15 boys and U17 boys both just missed out on the national plate finals, by one game. Our U15 girls, ended with a rather depleted team due to injuries, but still made it to the plate finals which were held in Cambridgeshire against Essex, & Sussex too. We only took four players instead of five and two were from our reserves bench, so everyone was playing up a position or three! Our U17 girls defaulted to WIN the national plate final when Cumbria, Surrey and Hampshire pulled

out. Well done to all players and parents, and thanks to the managers: Mark, Dean, Steve, John and Sandra. Let's see what we can do next year!

Lastly the U11 Festival; where our youngest players make their entry into Derbyshire squash. We sent two equal boys teams; with players from Duffield, Princes, Queens Park, and Ashbourne. They had a fun day out. They were thrashed (a teensy bit) in the morning session and then had much better games in the afternoon session. Neither team finished last! There is much more I could tell you about the players and our plans for next season, but I have been asked to be brief! So I suggest that those of you who want to hear more, or become involved, or offer your support, please get in touch. Remember that many of our juniors continue their squash journey and transition into adult players in your club teams and into the adult county teams. I think it is important that we all see that.

## **5. Junior Section**

### **Junior Squash Grand Prix Events - Helen Wilson**

This season has, once again, seen over 50 players from Derbyshire and the surrounding counties play in these popular Junior Squash events; players coming from 8 different clubs. We have many talented young squash players and should be proud of them all. The 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.

I must add that the standard of squash in the top groups is very impressive, and to see how the youngsters' progress is encouraging, which all bodes well for the future of squash in Derbyshire.

So far, 5 out of the 6 events have taken place with our last event, which is the Presentation of Awards, taking place at Princes Club on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If your club has youngsters interested in playing in the GP events please tell them to keep their eyes on the website for the date of the first event next September or tell them to contact me (my contact details are on the website).

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank this year's sponsors for their generous contributions, enabling us to provide our juniors with inter-county T shirts as well as a T shirt for all Derbyshire GP players, Jo Wallis our Development Officer and my fellow committee members - the support shown to our juniors, and to me, is certainly very much appreciated.

As usual, at this time of year, I am trying to find new sponsors for next season to help go towards T shirts and prizes, etc, and to keep the entry fee down to a minimum. If you can help please do have a chat or contact me.

Along with my husband, Andy, I will continue to organise the Grand Prix events for one last year, starting in September, then I'll be looking to pass the reins on. If you are interested in organising the Grand Prix events, please do get in touch.

## 6. Derbyshire County Leagues - Gill Ford

In the winter leagues we had 16 clubs entering a total of 49 teams this was again slightly down on the previous year. The result being a total of over 250 matches being organized. Overall there were only a few squash and racketball matches unplayed. You may also have noticed penalty points being applied through the season where there had been an infringement of the rules.

Last year we trialed a play-off system for the Premier league.

Proposal is to keep the play-off system.

NOTE: Only representatives from the following clubs will be allowed to vote - Burton, Duffield, Manor, Princes & Repton.

**Votes: For 5      Against 0**

We will therefore be keeping the play-off system. It was requested that we publish the dates well in advance.

See below - 12. Presentation of League Trophies 2015/16

## 7. County Knock-Out Cup 17<sup>th</sup> April, Chesterfield Leisure Centre

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

Congratulations to:

Section A	Repton 1	bt	Princes 2
Section B	Duffield 2	bt	Hood Park 2
Section C	Lichfield 2	bt	Hood Park 3
Ladies	Duffield	bt	Ashbourne

Trophies will be presented at the end.

## 8. County Championships 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January, Duffield Squash Club

Congratulations to:

Mens	Adam Turner
Handicap	Henry Wall
Mens O35	Charlie Wall
Mens O45	Charlie Wall
Mens O55	Simon Barnett
Womens	Lesley Sturgess
Womens O40	Lesley Sturgess

Thanks again to Helen and Phil for organizing and also Duffield Squash 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	M 055	M 060	RB SENIORS	RB 040
PREM							5TH		4TH	2ND	STAY
DIV 1	RELEGATED		STAY	STAY	STAY	STAY		STAY			
	↓										
DIV 2		STAY									
CAPTAIN	PS	JS	LS	CW	LS	CW	LS	RL	JB	PS	LW
PS	PHILLIP SCULLY										
LS	LESLEY STURGESS										
CW	CHARLIE WALL										
LW	LEE WATSON										
JB	JOHN BEASTALL										
RL	ROB LATHBURY										
JS	JOHN SLATER										

## 10. Achievements by Derbyshire Qualified Players and Teams

- ASHLEY DAVIES - WORLD 136.
- MILLIE TOMLINSON - WORLD 37 - Winning last four 5K tournaments.
- LESLEY STURGESS - 13<sup>TH</sup> year and 15<sup>th</sup> cap playing for England this time for the ladies 055. Runner up British open. Semi Finalist in Nationals. Runner up in 050s, 055s racketball nationals.
- SUE SMITH - Cap for England ladies 045s, quarter finalists in nationals and open

## 11. Website [www.derbyshiresquash.co.uk](http://www.derbyshiresquash.co.uk)

All information is now released via the website.

If you would like to see anything different then please forward any comments to a committee member.

## 12. Presentation of League Trophies 2015/16

### Summer League 2015

	Champions	Runners-Up
Div 1	The Manor	Repton 1
Div 2	Lichfield	Duffield 2
Div 3	Queens Park	LA Fitness
Div 4	Duffield 4	Repton 2

### Winter League 2015/2016

	Champions	Runners-Up
Premier	Duffield 1	Princes 1
Div 1	Duffield 2	Repton 2



Div 2	Draycott 1	Hood Park 1
Div 3	Hood Park 2	Duffield 4
Div 4	Lichfield 2	Duffield 5
Div 5	Duffield 7	Ashbourne 2
Ladies	Duffield	Burton
Racketball	The Manor 1	Burton 1

### **13. Any other business**

Next season Rolls Royce will play out of Nottingham with two teams entered.

The number of trophies we award is to be reviewed to see if costs can be reduced.

The ladies league will again play twice before and twice after Christmas.

A number of other points were raised by the attendees:-

- 1) Were penalty points applied to the Burton / Lichfield match (Doug Whitfield).  
*Yes 10 points were applied.*
- 2) Would a team of four incur a penalty (Kevin Britchford)  
*A 5 penalty would be applied.*
- 3) If we end up with small leagues could we use the same system as the Ladies league (Richard Grindrod).  
*The number of leagues has been reduced to keep the numbers high.*
- 4) Would it be possible to have Racketball teams as a team of three (Doug Whitfield).  
*The majority of current Racketball teams would prefer to keep the team at five.*
- 5) Is the 'team order' on the website correct (Simon Evans).  
*The answer is yes although there may occasionally be a delay as time is required to enter this information.*
- 6) If the nomination list is not in on time do we apply penalty points.  
*Yes penalty points will be applied.*

**Jonathan Brooks**  
**Secretary DSR**

## Appendix 1

<u>INCOME</u>				<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
	2014/15	2015/16	Change		2014/15	2015/16	Change
							£
Cash in Hand	7023	6785	-238				
Subscriptions	3261	3255	-6	County expenses	2314	2250	-64
England Squash rebate	408	400	-8	Lge Sec. Fee	775	800	25
County closed	170	0	-170	Printing	0	0	0
ES Funding	0	1289	1289	County closed	0	67	67
Sponsorship	0	400	400	Website maint.	285	295	10
				Development	85	1286	1201
				Cup Fees	0	120	120
				Trophies	518	1016	498
				AGM costs	0	150	150
				ESR insurance	100	0	-100
Sub Total	3839	5344	1505	Sub Total	4077	5984	1907
				Cash in Hand	6785	6145	-640
Total	10862	12129	1267	Total	10862	12129	1267