

Committee Meeting - 8th January 2019 7.30pm Duffield SC.

<u>Minutes</u>

Attendees: Gill Ford, Jonathan Brooks, Ray Patrick, Helen Wilson, Doug Whitfield, Jo Wallis

Other: Phil Scully

1 - Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising.

Minutes were taken as a true and accurate record.

There were no other matters arising.

2 - Secretary.

Access to ES website, log-on etc.

Copy of Derbyshire logo needed by JB.

Action: JW/GF

Reply to ES contact form.

Action: JB

3 - Treasurer.

Since last mtg: Expenditure - £700 (Junior Development).

Income - £1538 (Sponsorship, ES rebate, Subscriptions, Squash Fest).

Action: RP

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Balance - £8056.

Rolls Royce league subscriptions are outstanding.

4 - Website.

Nothing to report.

5 - Leagues.

Investigate the ability of our current system to be able to update to the "Squashlevels" site. If this is possible then we will start at the beginning of the summer leagues.

Action: GF

Following on if this is possible we will look at the possibility of showing the "Squashlevels" ranking order on our website.

Should we decide in the future to progress with the "Squashresults" system the following are probable stages:-

- 1. Captains to enter match results directly.
- 2. Ranking system to reflect players current results, may be with an averaging system.
- 3. Use of historical data.

This could be a topic for discussion at the AGM.

6 - Welfare.

Nothing to report.

7 - Development.

See appendix 1 note from JW.

8 - Juniors.

There will be 3 GP's in the 2nd half of the season. Boys U17's are in the finals of the Intercounty event.

9 - Closed & KO Cup.

The KO cup semi's to be played by 30th March with the finals being held on the 14th April.

Forward contact details of any 'new' attendees at the AGM to HW.

10 - County Squads.

Nothing to report.

11 - League Growth.

Following on from the last meeting where we identified potential clubs that may be able to join the leagues. We discussed other alternatives to raise participation, including 'mixed ladies and men's leagues' and an O60's league.

Action: JB

12 - Any other business.

The addition of a 'hospitality' ranking to go with the current league system. Leicestershire currently have such a system in place called the 'Critchlow Cup'.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th March 2019 at Duffield SC (7:30pm)

Appendix 1

Notes from ES AGM and CAN AGM 17th Nov 2018 @ Birmingham Uni

Jo attended as CA representative.

Key messages

- The ES Participation programmes are key to the future success of squash & racketball in this county. Explained the relevance to every club and how to sell the participation programmes to the coaches. Clubs to use the ES support days to get more info and input (Mick Todd roadshow).
- CA can now interrogate the ES database for their county.
- ES will be mandating more from CA in future for them to keep their levies. Particularly around safeguarding.
- Keir Worth (CEO) is looking for more collaborative work.
 - Key to ensure the game remains relevant in the modern era of street dance etc!
 - Casual dippers have the potential to save clubs from closure.
 - Wants CA to be more 'fit for purpose', more vibrant, more youthful.
 - Involve colleges and leisure centers and universities.
 - ES recognise that much work is volunteer heavy, but would suggest looking at some paid workers, maybe shared across the smaller counties?
 - Community, technology, and environment are all very important now for consumers of physical activity.
- Coaching Club will again mandate safeguarding training and higher annual fee (£65) will come with more material and support from ES.
- CAN AGM suggest we build in more incentives for players, such as using Squash Levels (this is our equivalent to Strava for cyclists).
- Opportunity to mix with others from our Regional Forum who I don't usually meet.
- Opportunity to check with key members of ES that our county bid for Regional Forum funds is appropriate, just prior to submission.