

**DERBYSHIRE SQUASH & RACKETBALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7.30PM 22nd June 2022
Duffield Squash & Racketball Club, Town Street,
Duffield. DE56 4EH**

Present:

Committee: Ray Patrick (Treasurer), Jo Wallis (Development), Gill Ford (League Secretary), Jonathan Brooks (County Secretary).

Club Representatives and Other attendees: Vic Malysz (Duffield), Lesley Sturgess (Duffield), Bob Allen (Duffield), Doug Whitfield (Burton), Annette Hayden (The Manor).

Apologies:). Helen Wilson (Competition Coordinator), Chris Respinger (Queens Park)

Welcome to the Derbyshire Squash and Racketball AGM for 2022. It's been three years since the last AGM. During that time squash seems to have taken a bit of a battering, with the number of participating players being significantly reduced. This was reflected in the winter league entries and also teams we entered into the Intercounty competition, only two teams compared with the normal seven or eight.

As usual we will need proposers and seconders for the various items that need approval.

1. Previous Meeting matters arising

19th June 2019 held at Kedleston Room, Rolls-Royce Leisure Centre, Moor Lane, Derby. DE24 9HY

The minutes of that meeting were available as always 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: Vic Malysz

2. Election of Officers / Committee and Vacant Positions

Nominations:

Jonathan Brooks (County Secretary)

Ray Patrick (Treasurer)

Gill Ford (League Secretary)

Helen Wilson (Competition Coordinator)

Jo Wallis (Development Officer)

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: Vic Malysz

3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Last year's accounts are attached, see appendix 1.

It will come as no surprise that there has been little activity over the past two years. The last full year of 2019/20 has been included for comparison purposes.

Income in 2020/21 and 2021/22 was less than 10% of 2019/20 with the England squash rebate being the only notable item.

Expenditure was somewhat similar with only the league secretary expenses of note and even that was reduced.

Cash in hand increased during the pandemic and is now at a healthy £8370. This includes £1500 funding from England squash.

League fees are to be reintroduced for the winter but I recommend we reduce them to £50 per team in view of the current Situation.

The League fees were discussed and it was agreed that they would be reduced to £25 for the winter league entries.

See Appendix 1

Acceptance of Accounts

Proposed by: Vic Malysz

Seconded by: Doug Whitfield

4. Development

Development Review

Clubs and players are emerging from **Covid Pandemic**. Women & girls have been affected more than most.

Aspire & junior pathway; currently no Derbyshire juniors are on this pathway. Thanks to the junior coaches who are having a great impact at Duffield to keep new juniors coming into the sport.

Squash Stars is a new junior squash programme, marketed and administered by England Squash for 5-11 year olds. Well done Lesley and Duffield who were early adopters of this and have gained 22 new juniors.

Diversity Equality & Inclusion; the next big push from ES to help clubs thrive by moving forwards with the DEI agenda.

1st Rally Together: sign the pledge <https://www.englandsquash.com/rallytogether>

2nd IMAS <https://www.mixedabilitysports.org>

ES have a new programme <https://www.englandsquash.com/inclusion-and-diversity/mixed-ability-squash-57>

3rd if anyone feels they could add value moving forwards, please consider applying for new role in ES <https://www.englandsquash.com/news/inclusion-advisory-group---express-your-interest>

Moving forward with the DEI agenda will help squash build on its great foundations as an inclusive sport.

Whyte review: Sport England and UK sport <https://www.sportengland.org/news/sport-england-and-uk-sport-publish-whyte-review>

Safeguarding in squash. Juniors and women.

There was discussion around each of the above topics and significant discussion around the issue of 'diversity'.

RALLY PLEDGE

TOGETHER



I will call out sexism including 'harmless banter' in **all environments** where I coach or play.

I pledge to share the success stories of women and girls **far and wide**.



I promise to address who I'm following and engaging with on social media so that I hear more **female voices**.

I will **educate myself** on the issues women and girls face and learn that different groups have different needs.



I pledge to invite females to coach alongside me and put them forward for **opportunities**.



5. Derbyshire County Leagues - Gill Ford

In the leagues that have just finished we had teams from 6 different clubs down from 9 the previous time it was held. The number of teams entering was also down at 12 from 26. The leagues ran smoothly overall with only one match being unplayed.

Reminder that entries to next season leagues need to be in by 12th August. As the leagues will start the week commencing 12th September 2022.

We have results for three seasons:

Summer League 2019

	Champions	Runners-Up
Div 1	Duffield 1	Burton 1
Div 2	Duffield 2	Ashbourne
Div 3	Hood Park 1	Sutton Bonington

Winter League 2019/2020 (season cut short due to COVID restrictions)

	Champions	Runners-Up
Premier	Duffield 1	Burton 1
Div 1	Burton 2	Duffield 3
Div 2	Ashbourne 1	Burton 4
Div 3	Queens Park 3	Burton 6
Racketball	Burton 1	Burton 2

Summer League 2020 (no league due to COVID restrictions)

Winter League 2020/2021 (no league due to COVID restrictions)

Summer League 2021 (no league due to COVID restrictions)

Winter League 2021/2022

	Champions	Runners-Up
Div 1	Duffield 1	Queens Park 1
Div 2	Duffield 3	Duffield 4

When the trophies have been engraved, they will be forwarded to the clubs

6. County Knock-Out Cup

The 2019/20 event was curtailed by the COVID restrictions after only a few of the matches had been played.

It has not taken place since.

7. County Championships 19th & 20th March 2022, Duffield Squash Club

Congratulations to:

Mens	Matt Gregory	bt	Phil Scully
Mens 'B'	Josh Underhill	bt	Matt barton
Womens	Alice Oatham	bt	Lesley Sturgess
Mens O35	Dan Busby	bt	Tom Gregory
Womens O40	Lesley Sturgess	bt	Diane Vickers
Mens O45	Marcus Thomas	bt	Tom Clarke
Mens O55	Keith Tolley	bt	Felix Frixou
Mens O65	Steve Coppard	bt	Neil Nightingale

Thanks again to Helen and Phil for organizing and also Duffield Squash for hosting the event.

8. Summary of County Teams

We only had two entries into the InterCounties this season.

Men's senior team captained by Adam Turner

In the first round they got through to the 'Promotion Group' which was a first. They came 8th in the promotion group.

Men's O65 team captained by Rob Lathbury

In stage one they came 3rd and improved on that to come 2nd in the finals, beating Lancashire but losing to Cumbria. They stay in division 1. Team consisted of Steve Coppard, Neil Nightingale, John Pearson and Rob Lathbury all who managed to gain at least one win.

9. Achievements by Derbyshire Qualified Players

- **Millie Tomlinson** - World ranked 68 - Due to a long term injury her ranking has dropped
- **Lesley Sturgess** - Over 60s national racketball champion, runner up British open 055s racketball. Runner up over 55 and 60s British open squash. 18th Cap for England
- **Neil Nightingale** - England cap for 070s
- **Marcus Thomas** - Wales cap for 045s
- **Jo Shelley** - National Racketlon champion, over 45s world champion

10. Website www.derbyshiresquash.co.uk

The website continues to be the main source of communication and should be the first port of call for information. We continue to include and add information and any suggestions for further content can be forwarded to Gill.

Score cards can be downloaded from the website.

11. Any other business

League fees for the coming season were discussed and it was decided that it would be lowered to £25 per team entered.

The question of trying to get the Racketball League started again was raised. We will try and discuss this with clubs that have previously had a Racketball team.

Jonathan Brooks
Secretary DSR

Appendix 1

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Cash in Hand	7423	9394	8901	County expenses	466	0	100
Subscriptions	2340	0	0	Lge Sec. Fees	800	600	600
England Squash rebate	260	306	0	Website maint.	300	200	0
ES Funding	4008	149	188	Development	1987	149	0
Refund	0	0	112	Trophies	473	0	19
Interest	6	1	0	County closed	123	0	91
				AGM costs	185	0	0
				Balls	24	0	0
				Coaching Courses	1805	0	0
Sub Total	6614	456	300	Sub Total	6163	948	831
				Cash in Hand	7894	8901	8370
Total	14037	9850	9201	Total	14057	9850	9201