

YORKSHIRE SQUASH

THE YORKSHIRE SQUASH & RACKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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President – Dr. Assem Allam

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF YOURKSHIRE SQUASH AND RACKETBALL ASSOCIATION HELD AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2018 AT PONTEFRACT SQUASH CLUB

PRESENT: Mike Clemson (Ferriby Hall and Acting Chairman), Peter Keen (Abbeydale). Fiona Howell (Stillington), Amanda Adamson and Richard Sanderson (Leyburn), Gill Choyce and Steve Ridge (Pontefract). Steve Smith (Harlow Hill), Nicky Horn (Harrogate SLC), Neil Scargill and Sarah Percy (Wakefield), Andy Hutchings (Scarborough), Mike Robinson (Barnsley) and Matthew Stephenson (Dunnington)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Ed Winter, Jayne Robinson, Robert Field, Mark Shipley, Stephen Blacksell, Stephen Widdison and Concord Sports Centre

MINUTES of the 2017 AGM were confirmed as a correct record

REPORT ON ACTIVITY IN 2017-18

The Acting Chairman reported that the Yorkshire League had again been well supported and successful. The County Championships had been held at Pontefract in January and had attracted a good entry, as had the County Junior Championships, held at Pontefract in September. The county had entered teams in most categories of the Inter-County Championships, winning four categories and being runners-up in a further five, making Yorkshire the most successful county. The Men's team had gained promotion back into the Premier Division. Junior teams below the level of the ICC squads had been successful in the Northern Cup, and had also been involved in a Ridings tournament. An audit of Coaches in the county had been conducted to ascertain where they were coaching and to encourage them to take further qualifications. Racketball competition in the county had been assisted financially and with publicity. Three Yorkshire players had been winners of their categories in the British Open Masters Championships, and two Yorkshire juniors had won their categories in the British Junior Championships. Clubs in the county had been offered advice on safeguarding matters and encouraged to appoint their own Safeguarding Officers. Clubs and Coaches had been assisted financially with developmental activities. Finally, the County Association had registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer (Peter Keen) summarised the accounts for 2017-18, which had been audited, and which showed the County Association to be in a healthy financial situ-

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ation, mainly due to the continued general sponsorship of Dr. Assem Allam, to whom thanks were recorded. The Treasurer was thanked for his meticulous keeping of the Accounts. The accounts were approved by the meeting

PLANS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018-19

The Acting Chairman reported that some adjustments had to be made due to the resignation of the then Chairman, Marc Thomas. A number of people had come forward to take on specific activities formerly organised by Marc, and thanks were expressed to them. Consequently, the Yorkshire League had increased to four divisions and a Summer league was being considered; teams had been entered in every category of the Inter-County Championships, and the County Championships would be held at Hallamshire in January. A newsletter was in course of production

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2018-19

The following was proposed – (Trustees*)

President: Dr Assem Allam
Chairman: Matthew Stephenson*
Treasurer: Peter Keen*
Secretary: Mike Clemson*

Committee members
Nicky Horn*
Gill Choyce
Steve Ridge
Mike Robinson*
Mark Shipley
Billy Hawes

Representative on the England Squash Council: Peter Keen
Reserve/Substitute: Matthew Stephenson

The above was agreed by the meeting

It was noted that there are a number of volunteers who take on areas of activity on behalf of Yorkshire Squash, but are not Committee members, although they receive minutes and agendas and can attend in a non-voting capacity if they wish, especially if their area of interest is a major item on the agenda. They are –

Richard Antcliff – Yorkshire league
Tom Murton – County Championships
Robert Field – Compliance Advisor
Jayne Robinson – Safeguarding Officer
Mike Dale – Media Officer

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Stephen Widdison – Racketball liaison
Derek Norris – Junior Development
YOUR CLUB AS A GROWING BUSINESS

Mick Todd, CEO of Pontefract Squash Club, gave a presentation based on his experience of visiting a number of clubs around the country to discuss and give the benefit of his experience on such matters as Good Club Governance and Management, England Squash Participation Programmes, Workforce Development, Finance and Income Generation, and Building Maintenance and Development. This was followed by questions and discussion, and Mick was thanked for his presentation

CLUB AFFILIATION TO ENGLAND SQUASH

There was a general discussion on the benefits and implications of clubs affiliating themselves and their members to England Squash, including the financial implications for the County Association in terms of the revenue received in rebates from both the club affiliation fees and the individual player membership fees. It was noted that, at present, less than 50% of the venues with squash courts are affiliated to England Squash

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed

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