

YORKSHIRE SQUASH & RACKETBALL COMMITTEE

AGM

Minutes of Yorkshire AGM held on Monday 6th July 2015 at York Squash Club

PRESENT

Steve Everit	Malton
Steve Towse	Malton
Dan Hall	Wakefield
Adrian Etherington	Huddersfield + YS Referee Co-ordinator
Steve Smith	Harlow Hill (Harrogate)
Steve Ridge	Pontefract + YSRA Junior IC teams
Mark Birtles	Humber Squash + Hull & ER
Mark Shipley	Pontefract + YSRA
Gill Choyce	Pontefract + YSRA secretary and women' s IC
Mike Clemson	Chairman YSRA
Marc Thomas	York + Y/L and web site + men's IC
Andy Sewell	York
Matthew Stephenson	Dunnington + men's IC
Robert Field	York
Stephen Widdison	Collingham
Andy Sewell	York

APOLOGIES

Peter Keen (Treasurer)	Abbeydale
Matt Bridson	Stillington
Richard Grayson	Rothwell
Steve Martin	Doncaster
Jason Chidwick	Phoenix
Dave Clark	Junior Development
Eddie Docherty	Appleby Frodingham
Nikki Horn	York + Grass Roots Development
Angela Cwaczko	ESR Participation Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the last AGM meeting, held on July 7th 2014 were accepted.
Proposer Mark Shipley, seconded by Steve Everit

REPORT ON 2014-15 SEASON

The county has undertaken a Grass Roots Development Project- working over 2 years, aimed at targeting juniors and women to increase participation numbers, using qualified coaches. Nikki Horn has managed the project, Phase 1 has now been completed and phase 2 is underway.

Dave Clark with the help of Derek Norris has worked tirelessly throughout the year on a Junior Development Program. Having now created a large database, he has targeted non elite players, holding team competitions, training and refereeing courses, tournaments, coaching and training sessions so that these young players may eventually progress to IC and sanctioned events.

Dave has secured funding from ES Foundation for a Youth Leaders course and Steve is preparing a bid for the Foundation for match funding in supporting the ICC junior squads to put on Level 1 and possibly level 2 Coaches Courses for juniors aged 16+

Web Site; Marc has now compiled a composite mailing list to allow circulation of information on a regular basis to all the 140 venues with squash courts in the county, coaches, the 8 local league organisers and Yorkshire League players.

Yorkshire League; presentation of the Yorkshire League trophies was held mid week of The British Open at Hull by Lydia Robinson, England U13 champion and also from Yorkshire.

Inter County Championships; another successful year for the county's players. Yorkshire fields a team in all categories of junior, senior, masters and racketball.

Marking and Refereeing courses; 3 have been organised and run this season, through ESR and supported by YS.

Yorkshire County Championships; juniors, men's was hosted at Pontefract. No master's held this season.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

In Peter's absence, the financial report for year ended 30/06/15 was discussed. We are financially supported by 3 major income streams-a % rebate from ESR, Yorkshire League team fees and generous sponsorship from Assam Allan to whom we express our immense appreciation.

Thanks were expressed to Pontefract Squash club who, by hosting the IC junior finals weekend, reduced the expenditure considerably compared to 2013/14.

A healthy end of season balance of £19,945 though some £4800 is committed to GDF2 and £4917 is reserved for projects yet to be agreed. It was agreed that £5K be kept aside as a contingency reserve.

A proposal of thanks was expressed for Peter Keen, our treasurer and also Robert Field who acts as Hon. Auditor.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

A proposal from Mike was raised; an increase in the number of ordinary members of the committee from 6 to 9. This was unanimously accepted.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There being no other nominations, Mike Clemson continues as Chairman, proposed by Mark Shipley and seconded by Matt Stephenson.

All other members of the present committee willing to stand again ie. Peter Keen, Marc Thomas, Nikki Horn, Gill Choyce, Robert Field, Mark Shipley, Steve Ridge, Matt Stephenson.

Stephen Widdison joins the committee as Racketball representative.

The ESR Participation Manager for the north is an ex-officio member of the Committee, and attends when appropriate.

It was also proposed that in recognition of his continued support of the county, Assam Allan be approached to become President of YSRA.

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE 2015-16

Marc outlined the format for next season.

There will be 3 Divisions; 10 in Premier, won by Dunnington last season. Pontefract 2 will remain in Premier as Div 1 (11) winners, Abbeydale 2 chose not to be promoted Pontefract 3 and York Railway Institute are relegated to Div 2 (12) and Doncaster and Queens are promoted.

Late minute match cancellations will continue to be dealt with by a 20 point fine.

A few issues on player qualification; agreed that qualification must be through either residence in Yorkshire or Yorkshire qualified.

The league will now use League Master for results- this system ensures more onus on the clubs to submit results. It was agreed that results must be recorded within 72 hours - offenders will be subject to a 5 point fine.

Player order may be changed at Christmas.

Bad behaviour, either on or off court, will not be tolerated and will be dealt with accordingly.

Many thanks to Marc for continuing to keep the league running smoothly and efficiently.

PROMOTION OF REFEREEING

Always a topic for heated discussion from both from the players and referees point of view, Adrian Etherington outlined his plans for a more positive outlook. The main objective would be to develop 5 new county standard referees for Yorkshire and improve standards of marking in our local leagues, with the end result of improving the perception of refereeing in Yorkshire and an increased awareness of refereeing opportunities. Adrian was thanked for volunteering to act as Referees Promoter on behalf of Yorkshire Squash

RACKETBALL

Stephen Widdison, who already is involved in this activity at club level, was elected onto the Committee to ensure that racketball is appropriately supported by Yorkshire Squash. This includes financial support for the County Racketball Individual and Team Championships.

All present were thanked for their attendance and participation, and the meeting was declared closed at 8.30 pm