



## THE YORKSHIRE SQUASH & RACKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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*President – Dr. Assem Allam*

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 6.45 PM ON MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2019 AT PONTEFRACT SQUASH CLUB

PRESENT: Matt Stephenson (Chairman), Mike Clemson, Peter Keen, Nicky Horn, Steve Ridge, Hugh Mannerings, Richard Antcliff, Derek Norris and Dominic Pegg

APOLOGIES: were received from Billy Hawes and Mark Shipley

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE: It was noted that it had been agreed that Dominic Pegg should be co-opted to the Committee, and that Hugh Mannerings should be added to the list of Volunteers (to ensure he receives all Committee mailings). At least one further woman is required for the Committee to meet our constitutional condition

MINUTES: of the Committee meeting held on 16 September 2019 had been circulated and were approved, subject to an update on the provision of T shirts for Juniors. From next season, all players representing the county would be required to wear the new design

MINUTES: of the Annual General Meeting held on 16 September 2019 had been circulated, and were approved as a correct record

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: A paper prepared and circulated by the Secretary was accepted by the meeting

DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS' REPORT: had been circulated in full and in summary, and was also presented in diagrammatical form. Main features were the number of venues visited (52) and the expressed need for more Coaches. The main message which the Development Officers sought to convey is that 'Yorkshire Squash cares about you and will listen and respond to you and, when appropriate, will campaign on your behalf'. It was noted that, as well as responding to individual requests for information and assistance, the Development Officers were also becoming engaged in preparation for bids for funding from England Squash

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Following further general discussion, the Report was accepted, and the Development Officers were congratulated on their progress in their first sixteen weeks of operation

FUNDRAISING STRATEGY 2020 ONWARDS: there was a discussion on how we can increase our income in order to ensure that at least some Development Officer time can be retained from September 2020 onwards. The main avenue was to increase the number of venues affiliated to England Squash, and to ask England Squash to introduce a County Levy on our behalf. It was agreed that promoting this strategy would require delicate negotiations with the venues in the county, and that a special Workshop should be held early in the New Year to undertake the detailed planning and implementation

FINANCIAL UPDATE: the Treasurer's Report had been circulated and was accepted with thanks

OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Anyone interested in viewing Inter-Active squash at Birmingham University was invited to contact Peter Keen to express interest in making up a party. It was also suggested this could be advertised on Facebook
- (b) It was noted that there were few entries for the County Closed as yet, but that entries could be done via the link on the website. It was agreed to send out a reminder on Facebook before the closing date for entries
- (c) It was reported that Juniors now need to wear visors in addition to glasses, as the latter are not deemed sufficiently safe

FUTURE MEETINGS: of the Committee would be held on Monday evenings 16 March, 22 June and 14 September 2020, the latter to be followed by the AGM

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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