

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY BY ZOOM ON MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT: Matthew Stephenson (Chairman), Mike Clemson (Secretary), Nicky Horn, Hugh Mannerings, Andrew Tressler, Dom Pegg and Scott Wilson

APOLOGIES: received from Jackie Anderson, Avril Storey and Billy Hawes

MINUTES of the Committee meeting held on 28 September 2020 were approved as a correct record

REPORT on action taken since the last Committee meeting was accepted

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT**

- (a) It was agreed that it was premature to plan for a resumption of competitive activity in the form of the County Championships and the Yorkshire League at Easter 2021 until the situation about the resumption of competitive squash became clearer
- (b) It was agreed that the Committee should be the main decision making body, with the Chairman being authorised to take Chair's Action in between meetings when necessary
- (c) It was agreed that membership of Yorkshire SRA should be extended to all venues with squash courts in the county, without fee, to enable them to participate and vote at the AGM, and to encourage them to participate in a resumption drive

**THE VALUES OF YORKSHIRE SQUASH**

Hugh reported that 8 members of the Committee had responded to the questionnaire, and that the four most popular values were Inclusivity, Community, Fun and Collaboration. Hugh and Nicky would prepare a paper for the next meeting amplifying these Values and putting the remaining ones into the context of these four. A draft statement of our Aims would also be included

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

A two year Financial Forecast had been drawn up by the Treasurer and circulated to the Committee, and was updated by a verbal report presented on behalf of the Treasurer. In summary, it showed little movement other than payments to the Development Officers and to 939Design, and a current bank balance of £40k. The report was accepted without comment

**DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT**

Nicky and Hugh summarised the reports which had been circulated to the Committee, which led to a discussion on whether it was appropriate to prioritise the recruitment of more Coaches, when the current list comprised more than 100. It was noted that most Coaches are part time and prefer to work locally, although

Dom Pegg felt there were a number of Coaches prepared to travel as he did. However, this still leaves a number of venues without a Coach, while some of the larger clubs have a number of Coaches. It was also noted that there is a difference between a Coach who just goes into a venue to run a specific number of sessions, and Coaches who are 'resident' at particular venues and play a wider part in the promotion of squash at that venue, the latter being particularly important in the current situation. Nicky and Hugh also summarised their plans for the immediate future, which were accepted by the Committee

#### **ROLES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Secretary had circulated a report summarising the current roles played by Committee members and other Volunteers, which led to a discussion on what further ways members of the Committee can assist Yorkshire Squash. It was agreed that each member should give this further consideration, with the aim of agreeing specific roles at the next meeting

#### **LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS**

Following the appearance of a list of Life Vice-Presidents appointed under previous regimes dating back several decades, and now recorded on the website, it was noted that their appointment was in recognition of past services to Yorkshire Squash rather than in respect of any ongoing role. A meeting of the Trustees had agreed to invite Peter Keen to be added to the list, which he had accepted with appreciation. After discussion, it was agreed that another title for the LVP's might be more appropriate, and Hugh agreed to consult two members of the Committee and make an appropriate recommendation to the next Committee meeting. It was noted that this did not affect the position of Dr. Assem Allam as President of Yorkshire SRA

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- (a) Neither Nicky nor Matt had been able to attend the England Squash Council meeting and AGM which had been held virtually earlier in the day. Nicky would forward a report to Committee members when it became available
- (b) It was noted that plans were being made to hold the British Open Squash Championships in Hull in June 2021, and that the European Masters Squash Championships would be in Edinburgh from 16-20 June

#### **NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in February 2021 on a date to be finalised

The Chairman then declared the meeting closed