

YORKSHIRE SQUASH

THE YORKSHIRE SQUASH & RACKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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President – Dr. Assem Allam



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018 AT 6.00 PM AT PONTEFRACT SQUASH CLUB

PRESENT: Peter Keen (who took the Chair), Mike Clemson, Steve Ridge, Mike Robinson, Robert Field and Mark Shipley

APOLOGIES: Marc Thomas, Gill Choyce, Nicky Horn and Stephen Widdison

MINUTES of the meeting held on 29 January 2018 were approved as correct

UPDATES

- (a) Marc had reported that the Yorkshire League was drawing to a successful conclusion, with Dunnington winners of the Premier Division, Chapel Allerton III in Division 1 and Woodfield in Division 2. An Organiser was required if the Summer League was to take place
- (b) It was agreed that we should seek mandated membership of England Squash, thus increasing our rebate from ES Affiliation and Membership fees, but not pursue a county levy for the time being
- (c) The Yorkshire Men's team had won promotion back to the Premier Division of the Inter-County Championships
- (d) The Junior Development Programme was progressing, with Peter arranging support for some venues and coaches in the south and Humber areas (in conjunction with Humber Junior Squash Academy), and Carrie Ramsey active in the west. Marc is meeting Derek Norris to discuss his work in York and North Yorkshire, and the future of the Ridings Cup. It was understood that the NW Junior League may not continue next season. Mike would enquire about the current situation as regards the Northern Cup
- (e) As regards general contact with coaches, Peter has been pursuing those in the south and east, while Alex Hodgetts and Stephen Widdison are liaising over the lists in their areas
- (f) Coach training for Junior ICC squad members. Steve would follow this up with Neil Guirey, planning dates to take into account the ES tournament programme
- (g) Peter has the names of some Coaches interested in doing Level 3 but is waiting for a course to become available. We would part-fund those who are prepared to commit themselves afterwards to 'mentoring' specific ICC Junior teams
- (h) Mark Shipley is prepared to organise Level 1 and 2 courses in the county if there is sufficient interest. It was agreed that Peter and others would sound out the known current Level 1's and pass on names of those interested to Mark, and we would more generally advertise for people interested in doing a

Level 1. It was agreed that our aim is to have more and better qualified active coaches available throughout the county

- (i) Nicky Horn had expressed interest in running a Coaching Workshop to help female coaches in the county understand their strengths and working behaviours and how to use these effectively. She would appreciate (financial) support and particularly the names of female coaches who might be interested. It was agreed that this should be supported
- (j) It was reported with regret that Adrian Etherington has resigned as our Refereeing Promotor. Mike reported that new plans are being drawn up internationally and nationally for the promotion of Refereeing, and we await the outcome in terms of action which might ensue. Meanwhile, it was agreed that informal workshops at club level, led by a qualified Referee, were a good way of making players more aware of some of the more contentious areas of refereeing, and could act as a recruiting ground for people interested in training as Referees. Mike would sound out Andrea Santamaria to see if she would be interested in helping with these workshops, and would thank Adrian for his past contribution. There was also some discussion on the best ways of promoting the playing of Racketball more systematically throughout the county, and that Peter Edwards and John Mullins should be consulted on this matter
- (k) Safeguarding Officer Jayne Robinson had reported that she had had three responses from clubs regarding her request for details of Club Safeguarding Officers. She would like to contact all clubs again and arrange a Safe Squash Forum for people to share issues and good practice. She continues to liaise with relevant staff at ES to ensure that any new developments are acted on as required, and has agreed to draft a message to clubs about the abuse of vulnerable adults and young people

FINANCE

Peter had circulated up to date figures which were accepted, and for which he was thanked

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS REVIEW

It was agreed that we supported the retention of the current age groups for the Masters events, with the possible addition of an Over 40 category and the Over 65's becoming five a side. We also supported the idea of all the fixtures being played on the same weekends, although it was recognised that some counties might find it difficult to enter as many teams if players could only play for one team. However, it was felt that this would offer opportunities for players to get the chance to represent their counties who had hitherto not had the chance to do so. It was also felt that a policy should be established about the payment of players

OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Mike Robinson was happy to update the website – Mike C and/or Marc would provide him on request with the contact details for those people with the

relevant information. He would also pursue the establishment of a County Newsletter

- (b) There was some discussion about the implications of the new regulations for Data protection. Essentially, they required us to seek permission from anyone for whom we hold contact details and/or other information, to do so, and to state clearly for what purpose(s) the information is held. It was noted that the proposed newsletter might be one way of seeking such permissions
- (c) There was no news from the North-East Forum. Mark would give Peter the contact details of the Forum Treasurer so that an invoice could be issued for the remainder of the funds from England Squash which are channelled through the Forums to the various County Associations
- (d) Mike would send congratulations on behalf of the Committee to James Willstrop for winning the Commonwealth Games title earlier in the day

FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the next Committee meeting would be at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at Pontefract Squash Club, and that the

Annual General Meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 18 July 2018, also at Pontefract Squash Club

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm