

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 7 JUNE 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Matthew Stephenson (Chairman), Mike Clemson (Secretary), Billy Hawes, Nicky Horn, Steve Ridge, Andrew Tressler, Hugh Mannerings and Scott Wilson.

INTER-ACTIVE SQUASH: Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Lee Wicks gave a presentation on Inter-Active Squash, its costs and benefits, and progress and arrangements for rolling it out across England.

APOLOGIES were received from Dom Pegg and Jackie Anderson.

MINUTES of the Committee meeting held on 19 April 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

- (a) It was agreed that Hugh should put forward the criteria for the Outstanding Contribution Award (to be presented annually at the AGM) for final approval at the next meeting.
- (b) It was agreed that the priority arising from the Development Officers report on Coaching was work to link Coaches with Schools, as detailed in the report later on the agenda. There was some discussion on the need to ensure that Coaches given financial support to take Level 1 commit themselves to an agreed level of delivery, and are encouraged to move towards taking L2 and beyond.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

- (a) It was suggested that an appropriate legacy by which Yorkshire Squash could commemorate the contribution made by Malcolm Willstrop, could be a trophy awarded annually to the junior who had the right attitude to the game, enjoying it and having fun while being committed to the pursuit of excellence. It would need to complement other legacies. Steve Ridge suggested the Committee consider ideas and check with him so that he can inform the Committee what other things are happening.
- (b) It was agreed that an offer by Dom Pegg to take over as Treasurer from 1 July 2021 should be accepted with thanks. Matt knows people who can advise and assist as required.



- (c) No replacement as Secretary had yet been identified. Members of the Committee were asked to consider suitable people known to them. Nicky noted that there are a number of people interested in supporting Yorkshire Squash who did not wish to be members of the Committee.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) The Treasurer had reported that the only expenditure since the last meeting was the monthly payments to the Development Officers, and that the current balance was circa £33,000.
- (b) The 2021-22 Budget, as discussed at the last meeting, was agreed as a working document, to be reviewed under the guidance of the Treasurer.
- (c) Mike was consulting Steve Forster (Dr. Allam's son in law) regarding the content of the letter to Dr. Allam for continued sponsorship for 2012-22. There was no activity on identifying and approaching other sources of funding.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORTS

There was some discussion on the Impact Report and the Schools Project Report, and the Development Officers were congratulated for the progress they had made in developing a detailed programme of activity, with the priority being on links between junior and primary schools, Coaches and Venues. The list of proposed financial support to specific projects was approved, although it was recognised that further substantial funding would be required if the programme was to extend to all corners of the county. Nicky also felt there was a need to organise some activity with Juniors in the short term, maybe based on the Ridings with local tournaments.

COMPETITIONS CALENDAR

- (a) In accordance with the England Squash Calendar, it was agreed to hold the County Junior Championships on 6/7 August, and Steve Ridge offered to organise them at Pontefract.
- (b) Derek Norris would be asked to act as our link with the Northern Cup Organising group drawn from northern counties, and to organise the entry of our teams.
- (c) Billy Hawes would again organise the Yorkshire League, which would commence at the start of the season, and the County Senior/Masters Championships, to be provisionally held in late January as usual.
- (d) It was noted that the Leeds/Harrogate Racketball League is in progress of re-commencing.

OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Hugh reported that the England Squash Council meeting had included ES's intention to undertake a review of how County Associations are governed, which had included agreement that being a registered Charity was to be recommended.
- (b) It was agreed that it is appropriate to send any information to Venues and Coaches which may be relevant to their aim of promoting squash, whether commercial or charitable. There could be benefit accruing to Yorkshire Squash in the form of advertising or sponsorship.

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- (c) Promotion of Women's Squash Week on 20-26 September would be discussed at the next meeting, as would World Squash Day on 9 October.
 - (d) It was agreed that the next Committee meeting would be held on Monday 2 August at Pontefract Squash Club.
 - (e) The provisional date for the AGM was agreed as Monday 13 September, with the venue (real or via Zoom) to be decided at the next Committee meeting.
 - (f) There was no further business raised by members.

REVIEW OF THE MEETING

It was agreed that there had been a number of practical outcomes, including the positive and detailed reports from the Development Officers, including proposals for financial support for a number of local projects; agreement on the Competitions Programme, and the appointment of a new Treasurer.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

