

**THE YORKSHIRE SQUASH & RACKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

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*President – Dr. Assem Allam*

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 2 AUGUST 2021 AT  
PONTEFRACT SQUASH CLUB**

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

APOLOGIES: received from Jackie Anderson and Andrew Tressler.

MINUTES: of the meeting held on 7 June 2021 were approved as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

- (a) It was agreed to establish an annual award for an Outstanding Contribution to Squash in Yorkshire in the name of Malcolm Willstrop, and that he should be its first recipient. Steve Ridge would consult James Willstrop about the exact wording of the award.
- (b) It was agreed to take no action in respect of Inter-Active squash. Steve Ridge reported that Pontefract Squash Club was considering an installation at the club.
- (c) There was some discussion about how best to promote Womens Squash Week, due to take place on 20-26 September, including obtaining and sharing information about planned activities, and providing a number of T shirts for women attending specific events. It was agreed that a budget of £500 be allocated for Nicky to use in supporting activities during the week.

FINANCE: The draft accounts for 2020-21 had been circulated and were accepted. They showed a balance of £31,800 at the year end, largely due to the reduced hours worked by the Development Officers and the lack of any competitive activity during the pandemic. It was noted that we had received a reduced contribution of £5,000 from Dr. Allam for 2021-22 as a consequence of our reduced spending in 2020-21. Dominic Pegg had now taken over as Treasurer from Jackie Anderson.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS IMPACT REPORT: The Development Officers were congratulated on their activity since the last meeting. The majority of their time has been in engaging in schools work as can be seen from the reports they sent out. It was confirmed that their focus for the immediate future should be the development of a schools programme. They also reported work on a Regional Junior Training Camp at Chapel A and the start of junior tournaments in August around the county.

THE GOVERNANCE OF YORKSHIRE SRA: The three options contained in a paper prepared by Mike Clemson were considered, and it was agreed that the second option, the current arrangement, should be continued, meaning that the Trustees, as the legal guardians of the organisation, delegated the responsibility for managing Yorkshire Squash to the Committee elected at the AGM. It was noted that Nicky Horn and Hugh Mannerings would stand down as Trustees at the AGM, and that it would be proposed that Dominic Pegg, Andrew Tressler and Billy Hawes become Trustees,



joining Matthew Stephenson. It was noted that we still need more Committee members, particularly women.

COMPETITIONS: Billy Hawes reported that he was planning for the Yorkshire League to re-commence in September, and that he had circulated the clubs asking for provisional entries.

- (a) Billy also reported that the Senior/Masters County Championships would be held on 22/23 January 2022. He would consider whether the Masters event could feature the Over 40's, 50's and 60's, to equate with the changed categories for the Inter-County Championships meaning that, as with the Juniors, players interested in being selected for Yorkshire would be expected to enter the Championships.
- (b) Steve Ridge reported that, in view of the pressure on bookings at Pontefract, he would like another club to take over the hosting and organisation of the County Junior Championships on one of the two dates reserved by England Squash in September. Scott Wilson agreed to consider whether Chapel Allerton could take on this role.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) It was agreed that the AGM would be held via Zoom on Monday 13 September 2021 at 7.30 pm.
- (b) It was agreed that no action be taken in respect of World Squash Day on 9 October other than publicising that it is happening and sharing information about any activity taking place in the county.
- (c) Matthew Stephenson asked whether financial support could be considered for a PSA event at Dunnington. It was agreed that financial support would only be appropriate if this was a Yorkshire Squash event, and that Dunnington should seek sponsors direct.

#### WHAT WE ACHIEVED

It was noted that we had achieved a number of things at this meeting:

- (a) Outstanding achievement award decision
- (b) including agreeing a focus on the Schools Programme by the Development Officers,
- (c) the continuation of the present arrangement for the governance of the organisation,
- (d) plans for the resumption of competitive activities run by Yorkshire Squash, and
- (e) activity to support Women's Squash Week
- (f) AGM by Zoom

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: it was agreed that the newly elected Trustees and Committee members would make appropriate arrangements after the AGM.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm. Thanks were retrospectively recorded to Steve Ridge for the provision of a room for the meeting.

