

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2018 AT 5.30 PM AT PONTEFRACT SQUASH CLUB

CHAIRMAN: It was confirmed that Marc Thomas had withdrawn for personal reasons and would not be seeking re-election as Chairman or as a Committee member at the forthcoming AGM. A vote of thanks to Marc would be proposed at the AGM.

It was agreed that Mike Clemson should be Acting Chairman pro tem

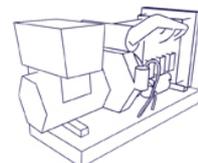
PRESENT: Mike Clemson, Peter Keen, Steve Ridge, Matt Stephenson and Mike Robinson

APOLOGIES: Nicky Horn, Gill Choyce, Robert Field and Steve Widdison

MINUTES: Of the meeting held on 9 April 2018 were approved as correct

ACTIVITY REVIEW

- (a) Richard Antcliff had kindly offered to organise the Yorkshire League for 2018-19, and reported that it was likely there would be sufficient teams for four divisions
- (b) Alternative formats for the Senior and Masters County Championships were discussed, and it was agreed that this should be a topic at the AGM
- (c) Team Managers had been identified for the County's Senior Mens and Over 45, 50, 66, 60 and 65 teams to be entered in the Inter-County Championships, and Gill Choyce had agreed to act as TM for the Womens Senior, Over 40 and Over 50 teams
- (d) Steve Ridge would organise the Junior County Championships, to be held in September as usual, and would co-ordinate the Team Managers for all the Junior ICC teams
- (e) Steve would organise coaching sessions for the younger ICC Junior squads on 3/4 November and 19/20 January (two of the dates reserved for this purpose in the England Squash Calendar)
- (f) It had been agreed that a number of Level 2 Coaches would be subsidised to do their Level 3s on condition that they then committed themselves to supporting one of the Junior ICC teams for a minimum period of two years. Steve Ridge would hold the list of interested Coaches and notify them when a Level 3 course became available



- (g) Derek Norris had co-ordinated the teams for the Northern Cup, and had been asked to liaise with the contacts in the various Ridings about the organisation of the Ridings Cup. Derek would also act as Team Manager for some of the younger ICC Junior teams
- (h) Nicky Horn had indicated that, while she was happy to liaise with and support Women Coaches in the County, she did not have the time to co-ordinate the promotion of Women's squash. A volunteer was therefore required
- (i) The initiative for organising and promoting Racketball in the county was with Peter Edwards and Steve Widdison. Mike had indicated to them that Yorkshire would be happy to support their initiatives financially and by helping publicise their activities, and had asked that they (re)nominate a representative on the Yorkshire Committee at the AGM
- (j) With the resignation of Adrian Etherington, Yorkshire did not have a Refereeing Promoter. A replacement volunteer was required
- (k) The county's Safeguarding Officer, Jayne Robinson, reported that a number of clubs had appointed Safeguarding Officers, but the aim was for all clubs to do so. She had had several enquiries about Safeguarding issues and remained available to offer advice and information

COACHES AUDIT

Peter Keen was co-ordinating the review of the England Squash list of Coaches in the county, which had been delegated by Marc to a number of different people. Peter would discuss with Nicky her offer to contact the remainder of Coaches on the list. It was agreed that the objective of the Audit was twofold

- (a) To encourage Coaches to register with England Squash and therefore meet the qualification criteria, with the proviso that Yorkshire will only make use of Coaches who are so qualified
- (b) To establish an email list of active and qualified Coaches in the county to act as a basis for any activity the county may wish to pursue in supporting them (eg in pursuing further qualifications) and developing their coaching activity (eg by linking them to clubs requiring coaching activity, as well as keeping them informed about other activity in the county)

DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

Partly as a consequence of the contacts with Coaches, the County Association has been able to assist a number of local initiatives financially, mainly around junior and women's coaching, resulting in around one-third of the venues with squash courts in the county having been assisted in this way over the past few years. Peter Keen was acting as a focal point for this activity

FINANCIAL REPORT

Peter Keen had circulated an up to date report, and indicated that a deficit of £1.5 - £2k at the year end was likely. However, we still had a substantial balance in hand available to support further developmental initiatives. Peter was thanked for his



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report. Mike Clemson would approach our sponsor with a request to continue his sponsorship in 2018-19

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was confirmed that the AGM would be held on Wednesday 18 July at 7.00 pm at Pontefract Squash Club, and that the main items on the agenda would be a discussion on the format for the Senior and Masters County Championships and the arrangements for the Yorkshire League for 2018-19, plus the presentation of the Divisional trophies to the 2017-18 winners. A new Chairman would need to be elected at this meeting. It was noted that three Yorkshire players had been successful in the recent British Open Masters Championships, and it was agreed that they should be encouraged to attend the meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS

- (a) Mike Robinson had kindly agreed to take on the role of Communications Manager for Yorkshire Squash, which would include responsibility for the website and the mailing list(s), oversight of social media outlets and the production of a county Newsletter. He would also draft a note to go to everyone on our various email lists regarding our responsibility in relation to the new Data Protection Regulations, spelling out what information we hold about the individuals on the various lists and for what purpose, and inviting them to let us know if they wished to be removed
- (b) Mark Shipley, as Secretary of the North East Regional Forum, was seeking feedback from the other members (Northumbria and Durham) for their views on the future functioning of the Forum, bearing in mind that further funds from England Squash were likely to be channelled through the Regional Forums and that they might be requested to take on other roles, such as the co-ordination of Coaching courses in the region
- (c) It was agreed that Steve Ridge should consult Andy Murray (Iprosports) about the design of a new Yorkshire Shirt, with the aim of having some designs available at the AGM
- (d) It was noted that some clubs in Yorkshire were considering the purchase of a new interactive facility for use on squash courts, but agreed that the County Association would take no action on this at present

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that arrangements for the next Committee meeting would be made at the conclusion of the AGM

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm



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