

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30 PM AT PONTEFRACT SQUASH CLUB

PRESENT: Marc Thomas (Chairman), Mike Clemson, Peter Keen, Steve Ridge, Gill Choyce and Mike Robinson

CO-OPTION: It was agreed that Mike Robinson should be co-opted to the Committee

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: were received from Matt Stephenson, Nicky Horn, Robert Field, Stephen Widdison and Mark Shipley

MINUTES of the Special General Meeting and Committee meeting held on 20 November 2017 were approved as a correct record

### REPORTS/UPDATES

- (a) Yorkshire League is running well. It was noted that Wakefield and Doncaster have yet to pay their League subscriptions, and that Beverley, Doncaster and York RI have yet to affiliate to England Squash. Peter would issue reminders. It was confirmed that Clubs with teams in the League must be affiliated to ES and that players should be members of ES. Any changes to this would need to be agreed at the AGM.
- (b) Inter-County Championships. In the Junior section, the Girls U17 and U19 were winners, the Girls U15 and the Boys U13, U15 and U19 all finished as runners-up, and the Girls U11 and U13 both came third. Congratulations were expressed to all involved for another successful season. Finals of the Senior and Masters events were scheduled for March and April. Gill reported that the Women's teams were selected, and that she would be prepared to continue to act as Co-ordinator of the Yorkshire Women's ICC teams next season.
- (c) Junior Development. Derek had managed the U11 and U13 ICC teams, and was also organising the Ridings Cup North Yorkshire team, and acting as the County's representative on the Northern Cup planning group.
- (d) Coach training. We had previously agreed that funding would be provided for six Coaches to undertake Level 3 courses in exchange for committing themselves each to act as a Coach for one age group of the Junior ICC teams. We were currently waiting for a Level 3 course to become available.
- (e) Promotion of Refereeing. No report had been received from Adrian Etherington.



- (f) Promotion of Racketball. A request had been received from Stephen Widdison for £895 to fund a promotional programme for Women's Racketball. This was agreed, subject to Marc contacting Stephen with regard to appropriate recognition of Yorkshire Squash in supporting this activity, and the desirability of extending the programme beyond the three locations suggested. It was noted that there was, as yet, no request for funding towards other aspects of the Racketball programme, such as the County Championships.
- (g) The County Championships had gone well, although entries were slightly down on last year. Thanks were recorded to Marc for organising them and Pontefract for hosting.

## DEVELOPMENT

- (h) Peter was contacting Coaches in East and South Yorkshire, Stephen Widdison and Alex Hodgetts were doing North and West Yorkshire, and Nicky Horn was contacting women Coaches. Fees would be payable for doing this work, payable on a case by case basis per hour with a ceiling. This work was revealing a number of qualified Coaches who are currently inactive. Nicky is also a member of an England Squash Working Party promoting Squash Girls Can, and the Committee hoped that she would be the Committee's representative on all matters to do with the promotion of Women's squash
- (i) Arising from this activity, a number of bids for funding promotional activity had been received, including one from Humber Junior Squash Association for just under £2k. It was agreed to support it in principle, subject to Peter agreeing the details, monitoring arrangements etc. In general, it was agreed that we have the funds to support a number of projects, and several were approved. It was agreed that bids for under £1k could be approved by the core group of Marc, Peter, Mike, Nicky and Stephen. Larger bids would need to be considered by the Committee.
- (j) It was noted that Mick Todd was liaising with England Squash about acting as a management consultant for clubs, and that liaison with Mick would be useful in respect of any clubs in Yorkshire who might benefit from this offer.
- (k) It was agreed that it would not be appropriate to take up Chris Vine's offer of assistance at this time.

## FINANCE

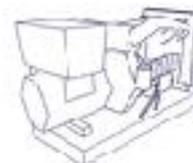
- (l) Peter presented an up to date statement of the financial situation, which showed a healthy balance. He asked for any outstanding claims from stage 1 of the ICC to be forwarded as soon as possible. Mike would remind the Team Managers.

## ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS

- (m) General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). As these will come into effect shortly, Peter will encourage England Squash to maintain the database of Coaches in Yorkshire.



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- (n) The YS Risk Assessment and Equity policies had been agreed at a previous meeting.
- (o) Jayne Robinson had agreed to be the YS Safeguarding Officer, and clubs had been advised of her role and remit, to which there had been some response.
- (p) YS is now registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the Trustees being Marc Thomas, Peter Keen, Mike Clemson, Nicky Horn and Matthew Stephenson.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

- (q) Mike Robinson was assisting with the update of the YS website, and publicity in general including greater use of social media. It was noted that our Facebook page is facebook.com/yorkshiresquash. Mike would also consider starting a YS Newsletter.
- (r) It was noted that iprosports are prepared to offer discounted rates on kit to clubs in Yorkshire.
- (s) Yorkshire Squash has received £1k from England Squash via the NE Regional Forum for its developmental work, with another £1.5k to come. Funds from the Forum also support Andy Cockerill's coaching of Aspire squads.
- (t) SquashTravel could be featured in the YS newsletter.
- (u) The role of Squash Evolution in promoting squash for women and girls was noted.

## NEXT MEETING

- (v) The next meeting would be at 6.00 pm on Monday 9 April 2018 at Pontefract Squash Club



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