

YORKSHIRE SQUASH & RACKETBALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of Yorkshire Committee Meeting held on Monday April 13th 2015 at Italik Offices, Walton

PRESENT

Gill Choyce (Secretary/ Women's ICC Teams) Mike Clemson (Chairman/Venues communicator) Peter Keen (Treasurer) Marc Thomas (Y/L and Website) Steve Ridge (Junior IC teams) Mark Shipley (co-opted) Robert Field (co-opted)

APOLOGIES

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, held on held on February 23rd 2015 were accepted.

RELATIONSHIP WITH ENGLAND SQUASH & RACKETBALL

The committee discussed the summary of the action points from the meeting between ESR and CA representatives on March 20th. It had been agreed that CAs are recognised as partners by ESR, and that the partnership structure should be Regional Forums and a national Joint Action Group. It was agreed that we approach the CAs in the north-east and north-west to see if they would consider one North Regional Forum

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Previously circulated by Peter. Premier IC finals weekend takes place at Nottingham on May 2-3 for which an allocation of £600 had been agreed upon (Sep 2014 mins), for expenses for both the Mens and Ladies teams. Bottom line is that we currently have £4k unallocated, having taken into account known commitments and reserves.

AREAS of ACTIVITY

Junior Development; update, including future events, Junior U11 IC Festival on April 18th(4 teams entered) and Northern Cup, on June 20th. Dave has been helped by Derek Norris, who Dave Clarke proposes will take on the role as Yorkshire Junior Development Assistant Manager.This was agreed.

PROMOTION of INTERNET COURT BOOKING SYSTEM

It was agreed that availability of online booking is the way forward. Some clubs in our region do already use this and Marc has been looking at the cost of putting it in place. The possibility of accessing funds from ES capital budget was discussed, to set up and find someone to run the system. There are also companies who offer the service- this may be an option and costs might be lower. The link with monitoring court usage centrally, at county and/or national level, was also noted.

COMMUNICATION with PLAYERS

Marc reported that the web site is updated on a regular basis. He has compiled a master list of about 1500 names (with 2/3 email addresses) including players, referees and coaches, incorporating a number of individual lists, and with the capacity to abstract and email specific groupings as required.

SURVEY of UNIVERSITIES to IDENTIFY POSSIBLE SUPPORT

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Continuity of organisation and maintaining player numbers is the main problem for universities. Marc noted that Y/L cancelled matches often involved the universities. Teams need to be in place well before the start of each season, ideally before the end of summer term. Marc proposed a two phase project, with the first phase involving an audit of the current situation in each University. Cost, about £1K for the initial phase. This was agreed.

ICC UPDATE

Mike ran through all junior and Masters results. Premier Men and Ladies w/e to be played May 2-3 at Nottingham. Yorkshire was probably the most successful County, and congratulations and thanks were recorded to all Team Managers
Mike would take over Masters men organisation from Matt, who would continue to be Men's First team Manager. Marc proposed we enter a second men's team to be entered next season, comprised of younger players All category entries to be confirmed before the county entry form is submitted in July.

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE

Dunnington are Premier Division winners, Abbeydale 2 Div 1 and Queens 2 Div 2. Trophy presentation will take place on Yorkshire Squash Night, Wednesday May 13th, at the Allam British Open.

There were some unplayed matches, also behaviour issues-mostly in the lower divisions.

Resultszone will be replaced by League Master next season.

Inevitably there have been a few issues with which Marc has had to deal. The initiative has to be taken by the offended club and the AGM is the place to bring or raise rule queries.

2 possible new entries next season- Abbeydale 3 and Phoenix who will be in Div 2.

YORKSHIRE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates to be confirmed when ES calendar available.

Masters and Juniors- September

Seniors- January

JUNIOR PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

It was agreed that it would be inappropriate to have a Yorkshire Junior Ranking list. Steve would ensure that Junior ICC Team Managers were aware of Dave Clarke's Development Squads, and that eligibility for selection to ICC squads was not limited to those players on the ESR Ranking lists, also that those Ranking lists were not necessarily an indication of merit order.

LEGAL & CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

The need for overseeing red tape was discussed

DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING

Date and venue to be confirmed.