

YORKSHIRE SQUASH AND RACKETBALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 November 2015 at Darringtons

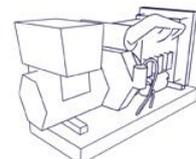
PRESENT: Mike Clemson (Chairman), Marc Thomas, Peter Keen, Nicky Horn, Matt Stephenson and Steve Widdison

APOLOGIES; were received from Gill Choyce, Steve Ridge, Robert Field, Mark Shipley and Angela Cwaczko (ESR)

MINUTES of the meeting held on 16 September 2015 were approved after amendment of a figure relating to the GDP budget

BUSINESS PLAN 2015-16 was reviewed and updated. Matters arising –

- (a) It was noted that most of the ICC Junior teams, including two of the 2nd teams, had won their stage 1 groups, as had the Womens Over 40 and Over 50 teams. Mens results had been more mixed, but the Mens 2nd team and Over 65 team had both won their groups, and the Over 45 team had finished 2nd
- (b) There was an issue about the cost of T shirts ordered by Dave Clarke. Marc offered to contact him and resolve the matter
- (c) Nicky reported that she was having difficulty in finding coaches with capacity to deliver GDP activity, despite money being on offer. She hoped exposure to squash for women and juniors would reach the 1000 mark, although only 10% were likely to continue involvement on a regular basis
- (d) It was reported that Alex Hodgetts is establishing a County Junior League, based on the former Harrogate Junior league. Steve W will make Alex aware of the Committee's interest and potential support
- (e) Support to Universities was reviewed, with good progress at York. Leeds trinity was still to be commissioned. It was agreed that we would also fund activity at Huddersfield if it included team players and beginners. Peter would chase ESR for the financial contribution which had been promised
- (f) The Yorkshire League was up and running without problems, although two teams had yet to pay their entry fees
- (g) The County Junior Championships had incurred a deficit £66 over the £850 which the Committee had allocated. It was agreed that this be met, but support for the Junior Championships would need to be reviewed for next season in conjunction with the budgeting for the event
- (h) Dave Clarke's activities seemed to be going well, and Mike would ask him for an update for the Business Plan
- (i) Adrian Etherington's report on the promotion of Refereeing was received, and he was congratulated on his progress. It was noted that he was trying to establish expenses guidelines for club level Referees, maybe half that paid to



County level Referees, to be paid from event budgets if the organisers had requested their attendance.

- (j) Peter was thanked for his updated Financial Report. It was noted that the budget for the year remained fluid until ICC expenses were known
- (k) It was not known whether Steve R had received any response to his bid to the Squash Foundation for matching funds to put on Coaches Courses for older juniors

NORTH EAST REGIONAL FORUM

The Regional Junior Tournament organised by the Forum had apparently gone successfully, with Yorkshire players winning five titles. Some funding was available for the promotion of participation, and details had been forwarded to Dave Clarke for his consideration

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- (a) Mike reported that, in order for ESR to conform with their Articles of Association, Yorkshire SRA had proposed, and Kent SRA had seconded, the re-election of the Chairman (Peter Goldson), Marc Thomas and Mike Burchell at the forthcoming Council meeting, pending further elections in the spring, brought about by an adverse report on the current Board by an independent firm of consultants funded by Sport England
- (b) As ESRs Participation strategy was now operational, Mike had asked Angela Cwaczko (ESR) for information about activities in Yorkshire. Apparently projects were being established in Hull, Leeds and Sheffield, plus possibly Harrogate. It was agreed that Angela should be asked to attend every Committee meeting to keep the Committee up to date and to ensure collaboration and support wherever appropriate
- (c) The latest monthly report from ESR showed 48 venues in Yorkshire are affiliated to ESR, of which nine are 3-5 months in arrears with their subscriptions. Following the work done on appropriate systems of Affiliation and Membership by a working party chaired by Marc Thomas, the newly appointed ESR Director of Marketing was drawing up proposals for taking this forward. This obviously has implications for YSRAs income in the form of rebates received by the County from both venue affiliation and individual membership
- (d) It was reported that ESR is rebranding itself as ENGLAND SQUASH with a new logo

OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) It was noted that YSRA still needs a Secretary, hopefully someone who could undertake the minutes and other work related to constitutions, data protection and similar matters
- (b) Marc would add the name of the President to the Yorkshire Template, which should be used for all reports, fliers and notices of events for which Yorkshire SRA is responsible
- (c) It was agreed that Committee minutes and an updated version of the Business Plan would be placed on the website



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NEXT MEETING would be on Tuesday 19 January 2016 at Darringtons



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