

# YORKSHIRE SQUASH

THE YORKSHIRE SQUASH & RACKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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## YORKSHIRE SQUASH AND RACKETBALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26 June 2017 at Pontefract Squash Club

PRESENT: Marc Thomas (Chair), Peter Keen (Treasurer), Mike Clemson (Secretary), Nicky Horn, Mark Shipley and Gill Choyce

APOLOGIES: Steve Ridge, Robert Field and Matt Stephenson

MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday 3 April 2017 were approved

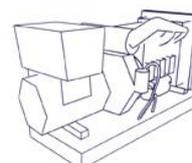
### UPDATE ON CURRENT ACTIVITY

- (a) Derek Norris was organising Northern Cup teams after trials at Wigginton. The Ridings Cup Competition would be held next season, and teams would be organised by Humber Junior Squash Association (East), Carrie Ramsey (West), TBC (South) and Derek Norris (York and North). Carrie Ramsey is also running the NW Yorkshire Junior League
- (b) The Inter-County Womens Senior team had finished as runners-up and the Men had finished 7<sup>th</sup> and had been relegated
- (c) Andy Cockerill had run a Junior Squad Coaching day at Hallamshire for juniors below Aspire regional level, with Derek liaising with Coaches about selection
- (d) The Yorkshire Summer League was going well, with two regionalised leagues of six teams in each
- (e) There was no update on Racketball from Steve Widdison
- (f) There was no update on Referee promotion from Adrian Etherington
- (g) Jayne Robinson was drafting a letter to clubs about appropriate Safeguarding arrangements

FINANCIAL REPORT Peter Keen had circulated an up to date financial report showing underspends compared to budget on most areas of activity, and an anticipated excess of income over expenditure of around £5k at the year end (30 June). Accumulated unallocated funds in hand were therefore likely to be around £15k. It was agreed to allocate £500 towards improvements at Selby Squash Club, and make it known to clubs and coaches along with the invitation to the AGM, that we would consider bids for financial support for other promotional activities, with priority being given to junior development. A Workshop for Coaches on increasing their confidence was suggested by Nicky Horn, and a session for updating Coaches, to be run by Paul Carter, suggested by Mark Shipley. Finally, it was agreed to retain the current design of the Yorkshire Squash t shirts



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## DEVELOPMENT WORK

- (a) Marc Thomas would write a report on the outcome of the Coaches Audit and propose follow up action
- (b) Various avenues for supporting/promoting development work were discussed, based on identifying key people in clubs/centres who were capable of delivering their proposals and ensuring sustainability
- (c) The application to the Sport England Small Grants Fund had been rejected, for a number of stated reasons. Marc Thomas offered to review these and see whether it was worth putting in a revised bid

## ENGLAND SQUASH

- (a) A report from Mark Williams (ES) detailing England Squash activity in Yorkshire over the past year was noted
- (b) Peter Keen and Mike Clemson reported on the recent Council meeting, which had been attended by senior staff from Sport England for the discussion on 'Hitting the Nick', a paper prepared by Mike Clemson under his role of Co-ordinator of the County Associations Network making the case for England Squash to work more closely with the Network. A presentation by a SE representative referred to the new Governance Code as it related to National Governing Bodies, saying they must be independent and financially stable (ie not mainly reliant on government funding)
- (c) Proposals about the future Affiliation and Membership (of England Squash) were awaited, following which we would make a decision as to which of Yorkshire Squash activities would be restricted to clubs and players affiliated to England Squash

## OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Details of a Squash Travel Company run by Ian and Mel White from North Ferriby, were noted with interest, and it was agreed to explore how we can work together
- (b) Arrangements for the AGM on 19 July were agreed, to which the President would be invited. A Forum after the formal meeting would focus on developmental ideas which could be financially supported by Yorkshire Squash
- (c) The date of the next Committee meeting would be agreed immediately after the conclusion of the Forum

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm



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