

YORKSHIRE SQUASH AND RACKETBALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 September 2015 at Darrington

PRESENT Mike Clemson (Chairman), Marc Thomas, Peter Keen, Steve Ridge and Matt Stephenson

APOLOGIES received from Gill Choyce, Nicky Horn, Robert Field, Steve Widdison and Angela Cwaczko (ESR)

MINUTES of the meeting held on 9 June 2015 were approved. It was noted that the meeting due to have been held on 21 July was inquorate

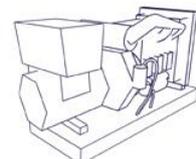
PRESIDENT Dr Assem Allam had accepted the invitation to become President, and also conveyed his congratulations on the widespread activities of YSRA. His name as President would feature on the Yorkshire Template

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN It was agreed that Marc Thomas be appointed Deputy Chairman of the Committee

BUDGET 2015-16 The budget had been updated by Peter and was agreed, with the following amendments – ex additional £100 to support the ICC Mens 2nd team, and an additional £350 for the County Junior Championships to compensate for the cessation of support from Dunlop. It was agreed to support the County Racketball Championships to the extent of £250, and to allocate up to £100 towards the Racketball Team Championships. It was also agreed to allocate £300 each to promoting the organisation of squash at Leeds Trinity and York Universities. The agreement to support Dave Clarke's Junior Development programme to a maximum of £2k after receipt of the sponsorship which Dave is negotiating, was confirmed. No sponsorship has been confirmed to date, although Mike and Marc had had a promising meeting with Neil Jagger in July, and Neil had subsequently confirmed the likelihood of further sponsorship

It was noted that the excess of proposed expenditure over income would absorb most of the surplus carried forward from 2014-15, and a similar programme would not be sustainable in 2016-17 without further income. It was agreed that the March meeting would focus on the Action Plan and Budget for 2016-17

AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2014-15 It was noted that the audit for 2013-14 had been conducted on the basis of an inspection of the systems and books used by Peter to maintain the accounts, rather than checks of income and expenditure against bank statements etc. Peter presented detailed figures to the Committee on a



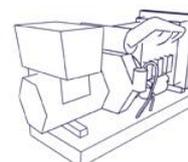
regular basis, and was happy to provide access to the books at any time. It was therefore agreed that the audit did not need to be done annually.

ACTION UPDATE

- (a) Steve reported that the entry for the Junior County Championships seemed likely to be similar to last year. The two weekends allocated by ESR had not been utilised for ICC squad training, but Dave Clarke had run a ranking day for Development Juniors on 12/13 September, in preparation for the selection of the four junior second teams we have entered in the ICC. It was noted that these teams should include members of first team squads not selected for the first team, as long as their ranking in comparison with the Development Juniors justifies it
- (b) Steve has applied to the SR Foundation for funds to match the dedicated funds in our accounts, to put on ESR Coaching Courses for ICC Juniors aged 16+ over a two year period. Participants would have to commit to doing coaching thereafter
- (c) The Junior Committee report, which had been circulated to the Committee, included details of Dave Clarke's proposed programme and the funding required. It was agreed that the £1200 requested for two Coaches Workshops should not be included, but could be reconsidered when the amount of sponsorship for the Junior Development Programme was known
- (d) YS has entered 25 teams in total in the ICC – 12 Juniors, 3 Womens, 8 Mens and Masters and 2 Racketball. Six teams are hosting Stage 1 of their respective competitions. All have Team Managers whose contact details will be displayed on the website, with an invitation to interested players to make contact. The Guidance Notes and Claim form have been revised and circulated
- (e) Nicky had provided an update on the Grassroots Development Project. £4800 remained in the budget, of which £2110 remained to be allocated.
- (f) A date was awaited from the Head of Leisure Services at Bradford Council for a meeting of all interested parties to discuss the issues arising from the closure of 10 courts in the Bradford area, and to explore a co-ordinated approach to the promotion of squash and racketball in the area.
- (g) Marc would circulate information about the latest criteria for Sportivate funding to the co-ordinated mailing list of all interested parties in the County
- (h) Development work with Universities – see reference in Budget item above
- (i) The application to ESR for funding to promote internet-based court booking systems had been received but not yet processed
- (j) The Yorkshire League for 2015-16 was set up. Marc would issue invoices to some teams for entry fees. Team captains needed to familiarise themselves with a new Results system, requiring squad nominations in merit order
- (k) There was no information on the County Racketball Championships
- (l) The County Squash Championships for Men and Women would take place on 30/31 January. The Mens Championship would include Masters events for Over 40s and Over 50s
- (m) A report from Adrian Etherington on his work promoting Refereeing in the County had been circulated, and he was congratulated on his progress. His requested budget of £750 to support Referees Courses and mentoring of Level 1 Referees was confirmed



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- (n) A Level 1 Coaches Course had been held at Wigginton on 5/6 September, organised by Nick Clifford, and apparently another one was planned. There was some discussion about the availability of full time Coaches in the Sheffield area, and the scope for making use of them. It was eventually agreed that we need a volunteer to explore the need for developing the same activity with Coaches that Adrian Etherington is doing with Referees

ENGLAND SQUASH AND RACKETBALL

- (a) The minutes of the first North-East Regional Forum involving Yorkshire, Durham and Cleveland and Northumbria, held on 18 August, had been circulated. Mark Shipley had volunteered to be its Secretary. It had limited funds for distribution. It was agreed that details should be forwarded to Dave Clarke for any suggestions as to what Yorkshire might bid for
- (b) It was agreed that YS should nominate or support the (re) nominations of Marc Thomas and Mike Burchell for election to the ESR Board, with the further possibility of nominating Phil Collins as Chair

YORKSHIRE COUNTY SECRETARY

A replacement was needed following Gill Choyce's resignation. It was agreed that, if possible, it should be someone who could play a wider role in the administration of the County Association, dealing with legal and constitutional matters among others

NEXT MEETING would be at Darrington on Tuesday 17 November 2015



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