

# YORKSHIRE SQUASH

THE YORKSHIRE SQUASH & RACKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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President – Dr. Assem Allam



## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF YORKSHIRE SQUASH AND RACKETBALL ASSOCIATION HELD AT 7.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 18 JULY 2018 AT PONTEFRACT SQUASH CLUB**

PRESENT Mike Clemson (Ferriby Hall) Acting Chairman, Richard Antcliff (Yorkshire League Organiser), Matt Godson (Pontefract), Billy Hawes (Woodfield), Tony Kaye (Wakefield), Tom Murton (Hallamshire), Mike Robinson (Barnsley), Mark Shipley (Pontefract) and Matthew Stephenson (Dunnington)

APOLOGIES were received from Dr. Assem Allam (President), Marc Thomas, Peter Keen, Steve Ridge, Sue Preston, Gill Choyce, Nicky Horn and Robert Field

MINUTES of the AGM held on 19 July 2017 were approved as a correct record

VICE PRESIDENT A vote of thanks was recorded for Marc Thomas' contribution to Yorkshire Squash over a period of several years, and it was agreed that he should become a Vice-President of Yorkshire Squash

### ANNUAL REVIEW

Yorkshire League had again been popular and successful. Divisional winners were Dunnington (Premier), Chapel Allerton (Div. 1) and Doncaster (Div. 2)

County Championships had attracted a reasonable entry and had been run at Pontefract Squash Club in January

County teams had again had a good year in the Inter-County Championships, winning four categories and being runners up in a further five. The Juniors had been particularly successful, and the Mens team had achieved promotion back into the Premier Division

Junior teams below the level of the ICC squads had played in the Northern Cup and a Ridings tournament

An audit of active Coaches in the county had been conducted to ascertain where they were coaching and to encourage them to take further qualifications

A number of coaches and venues in the county had been assisted financially with activities aimed at promoting participation in the game

There had been a range of Racketball competitions, co-ordinated by Peter Edwards at Chapel Allerton, which the County Association had assisted financially and with publicity

Three Yorkshire players had been winners of their categories in the British Open Masters Championships

Clubs in the county had been offered advice on Safeguarding matters, and encouraged to appoint their own Safeguarding Officers

The County Association had registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The Annual Accounts to 30 June were still being finalised and subject to audit, but the Treasurer had reported an excess of around £1k of income over expenditure, mainly due to the generous sponsorship of the YS President, Dr. Assem Allam. Thanks were recorded for his continued support

## PLANS FOR 2018-19

- (a) The Yorkshire League was being increased to four divisions, which had been circulated to the participant clubs, and amended rules were approved by the meeting. Thanks were recorded to Richard Antcliff for taking on the organisation of the League for 2018-19
- (b) It was hoped to enter teams in every category of the Inter-County Championships, following an offer from Billy Hawes to organise a Men's Over 35 team
- (c) Interest was expressed in organising and hosting the County Championships by Tom Murton (Hallamshire)
- (d) The Junior County Championships would again be organised by Steve Ridge at Pontefract
- (e) The 'Development' Juniors, organised by Derek Norris, would again participate in the Ridings tournament and Northern Cup
- (f) YS would financially support up to six Level 2 Coaches to attend the Level 3 course, subject to them committing to assist some of the Junior ICC teams with coaching and support at ICC weekends for the next two years
- (g) Coaching sessions would be organised for the Junior ICC squads
- (h) YS would maintain and update a register of active Coaches, and provide them with appropriate information and support
- (i) YS would continue to support Racketball activity and promotion throughout the county
- (j) YS would seek a volunteer to promote best practice in Refereeing in the county
- (k) A revised T shirt design was approved, which all players representing the county would be required to wear
- (l) The county website would be revised, the mailing lists overhauled and a regular enewsletter would be circulated. More use would be made of social media, and more information would be sent to media outlets throughout the county

## TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2018-19

The following were appointed –

Trustees – Peter Keen, Mike Clemson, Nicky Horn, Matt Stephenson and Mike Robinson

Other Committee members – Gill Choyce, Robert Field, Steve Ridge and Mark Shipley

Officers – Chairman - vacant, Treasurer – Peter Keen, Secretary – Mike Clemson

It was noted that YS also has a number of other volunteers who, while not being members of the Committee, receive Committee papers and attend meetings when their area of interest is on the agenda. They are –

Yorkshire League – Richard Antcliff  
Junior Development – Derek Norris  
Racketball – to be notified  
Safeguarding – Jayne Robinson

#### OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business, and the meeting closed at 8.15 pm