

MINUTES OF SHROPSHIRE SQUASH & RACKETBALL A.G.M.

Held 8th September 2016 at Shrewsbury Squash & Racketball Club, Shrewsbury.

Attendees:

Committee:-

Ian Dinwiddy (Chairman), Barry Talbot (Treasurer), Marg Kemp (Secretary)

Clubs:-

Stephen Jenks (C72), Lorna Rogers (SSRC), Keith Hansell (LLSRC), Rob Hall (LLSRC), Paul Dixon (KSRC), Jean Appleby (BCSRC), Graham Jackson (SSRC), Graham Moore (KSRC), Gary Woodman (LFSRC), Glen Woodman (LFSRC), Rhys Williams (LFSRC), Oliver Nixon (MDSRC) Graham Burnett (BCSRC), Jon Ellis (CCSRC), Daniel Bourne (CCSRC), Linda Pritchard (KSRC), Keith Wilson, Matt McFahn (WLTSC)

1. Apologies:

Guy Scott (Squash57 Development), Andy Birks (Junior Development), Don Wallington (League Secretary)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The previous minutes were unanimously accepted as a true copy.

3. Matters Arising

Ian opened the meeting. He reminded everyone that the Minutes from 2015, Chairman's Report, Accounts and Calling Notice had been placed for ease of access on the website, including a request for any Agenda Items. Paper copies were available if required. Additional agenda items, other than the Chairman's additions had not been received, so Ian asked if there was anything from those now attending. There were no new matters to be considered. There were 3 actions to be followed up from the EGM.

1. Regional Forum -

Shropshire Invested £750, ES then put in £1250 so in total - £2000.00. ID noted that there are opportunities to request funding from the regional forum. A simple business plan showing aim, goals and financial outlay is required.

2. Software -

Ian confirmed that SportyHQ will be used this season for the leagues, cups and tournaments. Ian confirmed the software was free and provides links to Squash Levels for player rankings etc.

N.B. Ian advised everyone that they should urgently complete all the information on the their Club League page, all players must be registered on the system, League fees need to be paid and ES Affiliation must be paid by 31st October.

3. Presentation Evening -

To be discussed again as this did not take place. Trophy presentations will take place after each event this season.

4. Chairman's Report, Junior Development Report & Squash 57 Report

Ian then gave the Chairman's Report, the Junior Development Report on behalf of Andy Birks and the Squash 57I Report on behalf of Guy Scott (copies on the website)

5. Treasurers Report - Barry Talbot

The accounts (copies provided), covering the Financial Year from 1.6.14 to 31.5.15, were sent with the calling notice, they will be independently audited and then be placed on the website. The previous year's accounts were confirmed as independently verified and audited. This year we are up on League Fees of £1696.00, received £643.00 rebate from ES and spent a typical £1825.00 on supporting Squash and Squash 57 development and the County Teams. This gives an overall expected deficit of £183.02. There is £9221.00 in the reserves.

There were no questions raised.

6. Appointment of Auditors

Barry advised us that Fred Checkley had retired and Mark Jones from Cannock had verified these accounts and would audit this 2015.16 year. There were no objections received.

7. League Fees

Following on from the agreement last year there will be a small increase again this year. The proposal for Squash League increase this year is from £73 to £75 – this Fee Structure is now incorporated in the League Rules.

The same discount rules would apply for early payment and Clubs were reminded that the Committee would apply the rules / penalties for late payment. We would continue to review the fees at this forum in the future.

There were no other thoughts or comments from the floor, Barry would collect fees at the end of the meeting.

8. Election of Management Committee

The Election of the Management Committee details, updated from the ESRM, were sent with the Calling Notice.

No new nominations had been received from the floor.

Committee changes were confirmed as: -

Marg Kemp will be stepping down from her role as Secretary after many years of service. Marg and the Kemp name have been part of Shropshire squash for many years with Pete and Joey also playing a big part in the Junior development of the county so it is sad to see the Kemp name no longer involved, but we wish Marg well with her new adventures. ID presented a gift to Marg.

Don Wallington will be taking up the post of League and Cup Secretary.

Ian mentioned that the Committee welcomed anyone who wanted to come along to join the committee and support SS & R and that it was vital that we get help to continue the junior development that has been started.

Ian proposed the remaining committee members, Barry Talbot (Treasurer), Guy Scott (Squash 57), Andy Birks (Junior Development) and himself be re-elected, the floor approved this unanimously.

9. AOB

1. Regional Forum Funding - Kingsland had made a successful bid and received £376.00 for School Visits. Ian had a copy of their bid to show how simple the process could be and also reminded everyone that bids could go through for larger projects to the National Committee.
2. Updated SSRA Constitution – Ian has revamped the Constitution, there were paper copies available and the information could also be accessed on Downloads under County Information on the website. Please refer any comments after viewing to Ian. League Fees and Levies update was under point 5.2
3. Updated League Rules – This was discussed at length at the ESRM and therefore the rules have been updated to reflect the comments received, including the requirement for eyewear (point 7.2), the rules were accepted.
4. Website Launch – The SSRA website has been updated by Lighthouse, is very user friendly and will be live from 9th September and has cost us nothing. Please feedback any comments to Ian.
5. Sporty HQ – Ian confirmed all county contacts had admin access – Team Captains and Vice Captains could add teams in order of merit and add scores. Any problems refer to Ian
6. Trophies – there were some queries over what had previously been agreed at the ESRM, Ian decided that nothing would be changed as there was not a representative present from every club. Moving forwards there would be someone designated on the committee to look after the trophy issue and come up with a phased process for trophy replacement. Trophies will be displayed safely at SS&R Club, Trophies will be presented at the end of each event or cup finals and would be allowed to be taken home for 6 months and then returned to the committee. Failure to return the trophy would result in the recipient being billed for a replacement.

Ian opened the floor for further questions and re-confirmed that there was money available at Regional Forum level. Matt McFahn (WLTSC) advised that there were ES Coaching courses on October 16th for Level 1 and in January for Level 2, to be held at Wolverhampton. Details would be on ES website. Squash 101 offers free social squash opportunities, the courses are free, just require 6 players.

A query was raised concerning players playing down the order. Ian said he would address the issue when the situation arose.

There being no further business Ian, thanked all for attending and then drew the meeting to a close, handing over to Barry to collect all fees. He thanked the Committee for their continued support and everyone for attending and wished everyone a good season.