

Shropshire Squash - End of Season Review Meeting 2017

Date: 9th May 2017

Venue: Shrewsbury SRC

Attendees:

Committee - Ian Dinwiddy (CH). Don Wallington (LS). Barry Talbot (TR). Guy Scott (RDO)

Clubs Representatives - Jean Appleby (BCSRC). Jon Ellis (CCC). Mark Darby (CCC). Guy Rutter (KSRC). Graham Moore (KSRC). Paul Dixon (KSRC). Gary Woodman (LFSRC). Glen Woodman (LFSRC). Oliver Nixon (MDSRC). Scott Sutton (MDSRC). Graham Jackson (SSRC). Cyril Nolan (SSRC). Howard Jones (SSRC).

Clubs not represented – Lilleshall, Club 72, Brookside, Harper Adams.

1. Apologies: None.
2. Introduction – ID noted that these meetings were to be used to review the previous seasons competitions and leagues and give everyone a chance to have their input into any rule changes or competition rule changes. These meetings would be held at the end of each season from now on.
3. Leagues –
 - a. DW gave a brief overview of the seasons leagues –
 - i. Div 1 – 9 Teams generally ran smoothly. With results entered on time.
 - ii. Div 2 – 8 Teams generally ran ok but results were not entered as quickly as they could be and there were a couple of issues with postponements..
 - iii. Div 3 – Again ran reasonably well but captains need to ensure results are uploaded sooner.
 - iv. Squash 57- No issues generally but would like to review the league structure for next season. Was disappointed that teams decided not to travel to other clubs for effective away fixtures.
 - b. Proposed Rule Changes – The following changes were discussed and agreed and will be updated for formal implementation at the AGM:-
 - i. Rule 11.1 – Change to ‘No player may play for a team in the last four league ties of the season, or the play off, or the semi-finals and finals on the InterClub Knockout Competition unless that player has previously played at least once for that team within the previous league matches’.
 - ii. Rule 17 – Rule 17.1 and 17.2 will be updated in accordance with the current agreement (2015 AGM) - PAR to 11 In Division 1, PAR to 15 in Divisions 2 & 3, PAR to 11 in Squash 57 League. PAR to 11 in all competitions.
 - iii. Rule 20 – Proposed change to promotion/relegation - Only 1 team Up / Down with a playoff of the higher (2nd from bottom) & the lower (2nd in division) teams to decide on promotion / relegation. (There will be ‘Playoff’ dates set at the beginning of the season).
 - iv. Rule 22 – Change title to ‘Postponements / Walkovers’
 - v. Rule 22.3 – ‘Postponement of a match. A match may be postponed by mutual agreement of both Captains in respect to Court / Player safety or as a result of an act of God. Once the new date has been agreed, that date

becomes the new pre-arranged date. If the reason for the postponement is beyond the scope of the defaulting team, the opposing Captain should strongly consider replaying the match. The League Secretary will decide on any dispute. A shortage of players should not be used as a reason for postponement.'

- vi. Rule 23 – Change title to 'Court Safety.

4. Competitions –

- a. GM gave a brief overview – This season was the first where the county competitions were organised by the Competitions Sub-committee, which consisted of GM as lead with the other clubs which had suitable facilities part of the sub-committee, as agreed at the EGM last season. ID noted that this system had not worked with GM and Kingsland promoting and running the junior and Senior County closed and ID having to step in to run the Squash 57 Closed. This would need to be reviewed this season.
- b. Team knock out cup –
 - i. This was organised by DW League secretary. The new format of all finals being played on the same night worked well and created a good end of season finally. GM noted that if the finals could be played during the school holidays the courts would be available earlier.
- c. Junior County Closed –
 - i. Hosted by KSRC - 48 Entrants. Tournament went well over the two days.
 - ii. Gm noted that an earlier pre-publish of the draws would allow more entrants to enter additional categories.
- d. Senior County Closed –
 - i. Hosted by KSRC – A new format was used, based on play by dates for the preliminary round and a finals weekend for semi-finals and finals. Format worked well with XX Entrants. Agreed to keep the same format for this season, but to start earlier in the season to give better play by dates.
- e. Squash 57 -
 - i. Hosted by SSRC – Due to a lack of a club host to arrange the competition ID managed to ensure the competition was run. There was a very low turnout as there was very little promotion of the event. Only Xx entrants.
 - ii. GM asked if the Squash 57 could be run as a category of the main senior county closed? ID stated this should be considered next season as the competition needs to be run earlier in the season.

5. Inter County Teams –

- a. ID asked clubs to consider which age categories should be entered next season. ID advised that entries need to be submitted by the end of July. ID advised that he would request confirmation when ES had issued the official entry information.

6. ES Update –

- a. ID provided an update on the current stage of England Squash. ID advised that there were many changes going on at head office and a new committee had been put in place. These changes were ongoing but had meant the reduction from over 80 staff to fewer than 20. For now the regional forum was there to support the county and clubs.

7. AOB – Ian confirm that no official requests had been received prior to the meeting and opened it up to the floor.
 - a. GJ (SSRC) confirmed that they would like to host a referee / markers course. It was agreed this was a good idea. GJ to advise details when confirmed.
 - b. GR (KSRC) – Noted that there had been some issues of bad on court behaviour. Committee agreed this should not be tolerated and that each club needs to discuss this with their chosen players prior to the beginning of next season and provide a copy of the code of conduct to each captain.

There being no further business Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and support and closed the meeting.