

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

Held 8th September 2017 at Shrewsbury Squash & Racketball Club, Shrewsbury.

Attendees:

Committee:-

Ian Dinwiddy (Chairman), Barry Talbot (Treasurer), Guy Scott (RDO), Linda Pritchard (LDO)

Clubs:-

Lorna Rogers (SSRC), Keith Hansell (LLSRC), Stuart Clarke (LLSRC), Paul Dixon (KSRC), Graham Jackson (SSRC), Graham Moore (KSRC), Gary Woodman (LFSRC), Jon Ellis (CCSRC), Daniel Bourne (CCSRC)

1. Apologies:

Don Wallington (League Secretary), Glen Woodman (LFSRC), Graham Burnett (BCSRC), Jean Appleby (BCSRC)

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 2016, 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. Ian added that all other items in the previous meeting minutes were covered under separate items on the agenda.

4. Annual Reports

- **Chairman's Report (ID)**

Ian presented the chairman's report. Copies available on the website. Ian invited any questions / comments from the floor but none were forthcoming.

- **Junior Development Report (AB/ID)**

Ian presented the junior development report on behalf of Andy Birks. Copies available on the website. Ian invited any questions / comments from the floor but none were forthcoming.

- **Racketball Development Report (GS)**

Guy presented the racketball development report. Copies available on the website. Guy invited any questions / comments from the floor but none were forthcoming.

5. Appointment of Auditors

Barry advised us that Mark Jones from Cannock had verified last years accounts and would audit this 2017.18 year.

There were no objections received.

6. Treasurers Report - Barry Talbot

The accounts (copies provided), covering the Financial Year from 01.06.16 to 31.05.17, 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 £1812.35, received £488.40 rebate from ES and spent only £961.42 on supporting the County Teams. We purchased new trophy cabinets and updated the trophies at a cost of £684.70. This gives an overall surplus of £1014.85. This gives us £10236.01 in the reserves.

There were no questions raised.

7. League Fees

Following on from the treasurers report it has been decided to maintain the leagues fees from last year. We will revert back to the agreement made in 2015 next season when there will be a small increase implemented. Therefore the proposal for Squash League fees this year is to remain as £75.

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 were sent with the Calling Notice.

No new nominations had been received from the floor.

Committee changes were confirmed as:-

Andy Birks has stepped down as Junior Development Officer and Coach.

Ian mentioned that the Committee welcomed anyone who wanted to come along to join the committee and support SHS 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 (Racketball), Don Wallington (Leagues and Cups) and himself be re-elected,

The floor approved this unanimously.

9. ES Update / CAN Update / ESWMRF

Ian provided a brief update from ES.

Ian provided an update on Regional Funding Bids -

- SSRC had bid for part funding of their Junior development programme and had been successful initially securing £1000.00.

- KSRC had bidden for assistance with bringing in different coaches to support the clubs coaching needs but this had not been successful in securing any funds.

10. AOB

- CIO (Charity Incorporated Organisation) - Ian presented a note to the members of what CIO status would mean to the county and the benefits it could have (Note attached). Ian also noted that ES recognised it as a suitable route for counties and that a number had already chosen to apply. There were no objections from the floor but to say if it was felt by the committee that this was in the best interests of the county then they would back the committee decision. Ian agreed to investigate further prior to taking any further action and will review it at the next committee meeting.
- Squash 57 or Racketball – Ian put the decision of whether to retain the 'Squash 57' or revert back to 'Racketball' to a vote. A unanimous vote in favour of Racketball was recorded.
- 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 rule changes proposed at the ESRM were accepted.
- Website – Ian again noted the lack of information added to the website from outside of the committee. Ian urged other clubs and players to add information, use it to advertise events etc. If you want anything advertised please contact Don Wallington.
- County Competitions Organisation - Ian provided an introduction and confirmed that the 'Competitions Sub-Committee' set up last season did not work, and it ended up being just Graham Moore (KSRC) who organized any competitions (Junior & Senior Closed) and that the committee had to step in to organize the Racketball Closed. Ian further noted that there were only three clubs in the county capable of hosting due to court numbers etc (KSRC, SSRC and Lilleshall). Ian noted that he had had to start to put together the arrangements for the 2017/18 junior county closed due to be held 23/24th September as no one else was willing to get involved and that he was flabbergasted no shropshire club could / were willing to host the event and he had had to ask WLTSC. Ian went on to say that he was at a loss how to proceed with organising future county competitions and opened it up to the floor for suggestions
 - a. Graham Moore suggested that clubs could take it in turns to manage a competition but that it did not mean it had to be hosted at their club, and this could be rotated. GM noted that KSRC were happy to host the competitions but did not have the internal capacity to manage the organisation of them all.
 - b. There was a general feeling that this could work, Ian asked the clubs present to ask their committee's if they would be willing to be part of a tournament management group for future events?
- Trophies – Ian confirmed that the trophies had been updated and were now on display upstairs on the balcony at SSRC. Ian noted that his strategy of presenting trophies at the end of each event or cup finals and not allowing the main trophies to be taken away had worked well and that a small plaque / shield / medals that were presented to the winners for them to keep went down well and would continue this season. Keith

Hansell – Lilleshall mentioned that his club were still willing to sponsor a replacement trophy.

Ian opened the floor for further questions and re-confirmed that there was money available at Regional Forum level.

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