

Wiltshire Squash Rackets Association
Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday 4th January 2012
Venue: The Wellington Arms, Marlborough 7:30pm

Present Howard Wilson (Secretary)
 Dean Watkins (Junior Coordinator)
 Mike Stannard (Chairman)
 Clive Morgan (Treasurer)
 Brian Brock (Member)
 Paul Faulkner (Member)
 Peter Goldson (Council Rep)

Apologies Derek Bray (Winter League Secretary)
 Richard Holdway (Referee's Rep)
 Mike Hyland (Member)
 Neil Marshman (Summer League Secretary)

1. AGM Actions

- i. Discussions took place regarding a date for this year's Wilts Doubles. HW to e-mail the regular participants to get a view on whether June or September is preferable. Venue to be decided once a date has been set but Defence Academy is no longer an option so it will be either the Wessex or the Oasis.
- ii. The date for this year's AGM will be Thursday 3rd May 2012. Venue to be confirmed nearer the time.

2. Report from ESR AGM

PG attended the Council Meeting and AGM on 19th November 2011. The only major impact on Wiltshire will be the change to the affiliation fees and process. The change has already been voted through and will be implemented later this year but ESR have issued a questionnaire to the counties and are still awaiting a response from Wiltshire. CM will complete the questionnaire as far as he can and then it send to HW to be forwarded to the rest of the committee.

3. Affiliation Fees

ESR have been chasing us because there are still several clubs within Wiltshire that have outstanding fees. HW to forward the most recent list to MS & CM.

4. Player Conduct / Discipline

MS stated that an incident from a recent Wessex vs Chippenham game was reported to him and has been dealt with by MS, DB and RH. A meeting was held with the player concerned and he will receive a letter warning him about his future conduct.

5. Marking Courses

PG will contact RH about where we stand with Wilts players attending marking courses.

6. Inter-County Update

- i. Seniors - Div.1 Group D - Beat Middlesex but lost to Kent and Avon.
Stage 2 - Relegation Group B with Bedfordshire, Middlesex and Norfolk.
- ii. Mens Over 35 - Div.1 Group D - Lost to Avon, Hampshire and Devon.
Stage 2 - Relegation Group B with Gloucestershire, Devon and Northamptonshire.
- iii. Mens Over 45 - Div.2 Group B - Beat Somerset but lost to Gloucestershire.
Stage 2 - Promotion Group B with Somerset and Gloucestershire.
- iv. Mens Over 50 – Premier B – Beat Cornwall and lost to Avon.
Stage 2 – Finals weekend against Middlesex, Avon and Norfolk.

7. Proposed Rule Change

BB is proposing a rule change regarding the restriction on players from the same club being unable to switch between teams if they are in the same division. There was some discussion about the proposal but with DB not in attendance the meeting felt unable to make any recommendations on the night. MS will discuss with DB.

8. Junior Section Update

- i. PF reported that the regular workshops at Tidworth have helped bring the county together although there are still areas with a lot of kids who are not involved in the Wiltshire set-up. There is now a hardcore of 35-40 kids and there are sides entered in the South West Counties League. The standard is not that good but there is great enthusiasm and commitment from the parents and PF is looking to consolidate the set-up in the coming year.
- ii. PF feels that the problem now is that there needs to be a progression on the coaching side but there is no professional coach in Wiltshire who is prepared to take this on.
- iii. Dax Mellor is to take the Level 2 Coaching course and BB has secured half the fee from ESR. BB asked if the senior section would be prepared to pay the other half and this was unanimously agreed.