

## Minutes from Wiltshire Squash and Racketball Committee Meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 7:30pm held at Oasis SC. Meeting Room

1. Welcome  
Chris Hardy welcomed those attending to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence – Clive Morgan had submitted his apologies beforehand.
3. Minutes from AGM  
These were agreed upon. Brian to place on website.

Chris mentioned we now need to focus on reconciliation openness. This to be discussed further into the meeting.

Matters Arising – Secretary Dave Burns was in attendance to see how things were running. He was not prepared to commit at this time but would advise the meeting at the end. Note- at the end of the meeting Dave agreed to become the new secretary which was agreed by all present – THANK YOU DAVE.

4. Inter County Team entries – to be completed Peter will find out when notice is sent out and advise.  
Seniors – Possibly run by Adam Giles. Dean to speak to Adam.  
O 35s – Dax to chase / ask Pat Carty  
O 45s – Dean to chase/ ask John Peirce  
O 50s – Mike Hyland has agreed to run the Over 50s  
O 55s – Clive Morgan has agreed to run the Over 55s
5. Tournaments for 2015 / 16 season.  
Peter will confirm the protected dates set aside by ES and R.. Dean happy to liaise re publicity.  
Seniors – South Marston Dean and Brian to organise for January.  
35s – Brian to confirm dates etc. Chris to look at venues  
45s – To take place in Devizes. Organisation and dates to be confirmed at the next committee meeting. The costs for entry were agreed as £15 entry for seniors – other events to remain at £10 per entry. Brian / Chris to look at sponsorship of tournaments where possible.
6. Squash Participation survey – Dax Mellor  
Dax has met with Dominique Oughton (Wiltshire CC), Natalie Davis (participation manager for ESR) and Michelle Jones (Oasis) Part of the meeting was to discuss funding by way of grass roots grant for the survey and part regarding the possible redevelopment of Oasis courts.

Dax advised that a new countywide / area forum was to be formed. Wilts to belong to forum of between 4-6 counties. Discussion as to preference of South West ( historical set up) or move to the Southern region which was felt to be more beneficial to Wiltshire.

Wasp to provide small grants application for the Analysis / consultation – funding has been approved. Dax will make a start at the beginning of July assisted by Chris Vine. A report will be prepared of the findings to be presented to the Wiltshire committee at the end of August for approval and implementation in Sept. The funding will be sent to Wiltshire Squash and Dax will invoice for the work completed.

Peter suggested pressure to be applied to sports centres re state of courts.

ESR keen to see survey completed in schools.

#### 7. Summer League Post match hospitality.

Neil mentioned complaint received about splitting costs for post match hospitality. All agreed the current summer league provision was best owing to the teams having many different players and there usually being just one home or away match.

Neil and Brian will agree suitable wording to sent where required.

#### 8. AOB

RICHARD BICKERS Squash levels.

All agreed this was worthwhile. Peter advised it was advocated by ES and R. In order to implement Brian needs all players to register and all captains will need to record game scores.

Neil will include his requirement in a letter to team captains letter. The idea will be to implement from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2015

Referee Course

It was agreed this would be beneficial to all. Peter will set a date and organise hopefully before the leagues commence. This course will be in the Devizes area aimed at players from Devizes, Chippenham, Trowbridge, Melksham and Marlborough. However, all Wiltshire teams will be notified and encouraged to attend.

It is anticipated that this will become at least an annual event with teams required to attend at least every 3 years. Once up and running additional league points will be awarded for teams with a referee.

Contact sheet on website.

It was suggested that a list of contacts for teams and clubs is placed on the website.

Reconciliation and openness

Chris explained that owing to the issues experienced last year it was time for a period of reconciliation and openness. All teams and their team members should be welcomed and valued. We should remember that mostly teams ask “what's in it for me?” We need as a committee to be looking to put ourselves in a position to be able to answer this positively.

Buses to events.

Chris suggested we look at organising trips to events eg. British Open, National Championships etc.

Newsletter

Brian will look at sending a regular newsletter to all clubs.

Sponsorship

There is a player known to Chris who is keen to offer a commission based sponsorship. We would need to write a policy and set out heads of agreement beforehand. Chris will prepare a draft policy for the next meeting.

Welcome Letter

Chris will send out a general welcome letter to all clubs including details of new committee etc.

9. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Oasis meeting room (same venue) at 7:30 pm.

Neil Marshman