

## Wiltshire Squash – Committee Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 7:30pm

### Wessex Squash Club

#### Present:-

- Mike Stannard (MS) – Chairman
- Clive Morgan (CM) – Treasurer
- Neville Buckle (NB) – League Secretary
- Simon Williams (SW) – Marketing
- Dax Mellor (DM) – Juniors
- Dean Watkins (DW) – Events
- Neil Marshman (NM) – Refereeing

#### Apologies:-

- Mike Hyland

#### Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- DW has agreed to be point of contact for ES communication
- NM will cover administration of Summer League
- MS will attend next Glos AGM and update. Meeting updated on similar support to Wiltshire. Need to consider some points raised as will update at next meeting.
- NB is optimistic that a team from Hungerford may be interested in joining the leagues. Not heard too much further than original contact.
- The question of bonus points for recording scores on time will be reviewed at the next AGM

Action: **Mike Hyland**

- Regionalisation of teams. After discussion it was agreed SW will put forward an outline proposal at the next meeting.

Action **SW**

#### ES AGM

MS fed back on his attendance at the recent AGM.

- Funding is less than previous but will be more focussed to grass roots level
- Articles of association changed to allow funding.
- County Association Network (Mike Clemson) discussed and ES Communication Structure with County Associations shared.
- Squash 57 will remain as named. This was the name proposed by the world game to avoid confusion with American Racketball.
- Membership fee increase discussed. Key points are much improved benefits.
- MS met with Linda Taylor.

Action: **MS, DM and MH to sort out focus points and meeting date with Linda.**

#### Regional Forum

DM updated the meeting

- High focus on Aspire talent identification overseen by Tim Vail (head coach).
- £3500 of 10k allocation to region is ring fenced for talent pathways.

- Wilts should receive £2500 of the 10k. Some of this aimed at increasing number of coaches and some towards regional activity eg. SW attending development event with higher level juniors.

## Juniors

### DM updated on juniors issues

- Junior working group (made up of some parents and coaches) meet annually. No formal committee. Last meeting concern about benefits of ES payments raised which resulted in refusal by parents to pay membership levy at County Closed. As a result all IC teams barred which was resolved in part by parents paying individually.
- 83 juniors took part in County Closed. Compared very favourably with Hants (84), Bucks (77), Oxon 44.
- Base level excellent. Now need to improve individual attainment levels. Coaches following program put forward by Jesse Engelbrecht.
- 8 juniors were put forward to the aspire trials. One junior was accepted to the program (well done Sophie)
- Copper Level (entry level) event held in Marlborough at end of November. 55 entries of which 46 were from Wiltshire.
- Regional Closed in Winchester well supported. Hants 33 entrants, Bucks 30, Oxon 14, Berks 2 and Wilts 25.
- 5 Counties event held in Glos very successful. Won U13 event and 3<sup>rd</sup> in U11. Overall came 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Inter Counties

Despite requests of the captains there were no reports available. **DW to chase reports.**

MS updated proposals from the workshop he attended as apart of the ES meeting. Proposal was to cut number of age restricted events to increments of 10 years. A formal proposal will be submitted by the end of February.

## Charitable Incorporation

MS reported on concerns raised at other counties which as a result of non incorporation meant there was potential for committee members to be personally liable. Becoming a charity would make members less liable and provide a greater opportunity for gaining sponsorship.

There is a small cost involved to set up a charity and a requirement to produce annual reports.

**MS to investigate further and formalise application.**

## League Report

NB updated on current position.

- 18 teams split into 3 equal divisions
- 2 Shrivenham Exiles teams playing at Wessex.
- No significant disputes or issues.
- Teams have accepted promotion and all in place for second half of season.
- Cup matches mostly been played. Army withdrew their team (numbers), quarter finals this week and semis at half term.
- Entry fees outstanding from Trowbridge and in part from Devizes. **CM to chase.**
- Much discussion about flexible nights. Agreed to propose fixed night at next AGM. **MH to add item to AGM agenda.**

## Tournaments

- Arrangements all in hand for County Closed. DW reported 32 entries
- O45s. Date has been fixed. Venue arrangements being sorted by MS.
- O35s in Marlborough. Date agreed. MH dealing.
- NB is looking to organise Closed racketball event, possibly in June / July. **NB to liaise with DW to organise. – Venue Wessex.**

## Any Other Business

### Broome Manor Club

- DM updated meeting re current position and achievements to date.
- 75 year lease signed with 3½ years to sort planning issues and funding
- Costs estimated to be £8 million with half million working capital.
- Three directors for club – DM, Brian Brock and Steve Lewis (who runs Marlow Club and Thames Club in Staines.
- Full planning has been submitted for 6 courts at venue with an agreement to fund and refurbish the two Croft LC courts as well.
- Aim is to open by Summer 2019

## Marketing

SW reported this needs more development. Facebook is good but needs input for Twitter

## Summer League

At request of NB (work pressures increase in summer), NM to organise Summer League

**NM to do entry forms ASAP**

**DW to publicise on mailchimp 1<sup>st</sup> week of February**

NB reported Herongay (Hungerford LC) were definitely interested in organising a team to enter leagues. **NB to chase once entry forms circulated.**

CM requested consideration to O60's inter county team.

## League format

Various proposals suggested:

- Teams of 4 instead of 5. We need to consult all teams on this. Positive is earlier finish and hence potential for more juniors to become involved. **DW to do survey. MH to include in AGM agenda.**

Meeting closed at 9:25pm.