

Wiltshire Squash – AGM – Monday 21/5/18

Wessex Squash Club 7:30pm

Present:	Mike Stannard(MS) – Chairman	Apologies:
	Dax Mellor(DM) – Junior Coordinator	Simon Williams(SW) – Media
	Steve McQue – Marlborough	Brian Brock(BB) – Tournaments
	Peter Goldson(PG) – Member	
	Neville Buckle(NB) – League Sec.	
	Mike Hyland(MH) - Minutes/Sec	
	Clive Morgan(CM) - Treasurer	
	Dean Watkins(DW) – Tournaments/Sec.	
	Neil Marshman(NM) – Summer League Sec.	

1.0 Welcome:

Chairman Mike Stannard (MS) Opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. A request that any summaries should be submitted in writing please.

Also a comment made that it was disappointing turn-out of representative clubs – for example; no Devizes, Trowbridge or Oasis attendance.

MS also said that he had attended the England Squash Council meeting on Thursday and had the latest view from ES on their latest plans for Inter-Counties Squash.

Last year's AGM minutes were proposed to be accepted as a true and accurate reflection by Sec. Mike Hyland (MH) and seconded by MS.

2.0 Review of last year and proposals for next season.

2.1 Tournaments Last Year:-

Seniors: Well attended with 28 entries – winner James Riaan

O35s: 16 Entries – winner Paul Clark from Simon Lucas

O45s: 12 entries – winner Nigel Rowe from Paul Clark

Doubles – 12 pairs – winners – Calli Smith/Josh Watkins

Racketball – to be played

MS expressed thanks to all organisers – specifically, Howard Wilson, Mike Hyland, Dean Watkins, Nev Buckle and Brian Brock

2.2 Tournaments Next Year:-

After some discussion on the Inter-Counties set-up for next year; it was proposed by MS that we maintain the same tournaments for next year. Seconded by MH. (possible addition of an O50 yet to be agreed.)

2.3 Inter-Counties Squash:-

All captains had problems getting teams out. Same for Juniors.

Inter-Country squash is under review by ES and a new set-up will be announced soon. However, it's widely thought to be the same ages groups as current but played at a central (regional) venue, on one day. Teams will pay subs to cover courts and food c. £40/team/stage.

It's thought that this will increase the participation in Inter-County squash across the county and give a wider range of players a chance to represent the county.

Action: For a committee meeting. Do we, as a county, need a policy for player representation?

2.4 Winter League

This year we saw 18 teams in the leagues – one more than last year.

Some difficulty with court availability now that DA has closed its courts to team squash. It means that currently the majority of the teams are represented from just three clubs; Devizes, Wessex and Marlborough.

Nev Buckle (NB) mentioned that last year there was a poll for 4 vs 5 team members and the result was a 50/50 split and as a result teams were kept to 5 members.

There was an understanding that the Divisional play-offs were not held – not understood why.

Action: MS to contact captains and understand why play-offs not held.

2.5 Handicap Cup

All teams got on and played their scheduled matches.

Marlborough B won from Cricklade

There was a comment that the Semis and Finals were not scheduled – next year there was a request that dates should be in the calendar.

Thanks to Derek Bray for team seedings.

Thanks to Nev Buckle for timetable and draw.

2.6 Summer League

This year there was, at least, a Summer league – last year it wasn't held.

We saw 6 teams this year and the option of Racketball has been introduced.

Thanks to Nev and Neil Marshman for Summer League organisation.

3.0 Accounts

Clive Morgan (CM) Treasurer sent his accounts summary as a separate document.

In short there was a profit of c.£1000

All teams have paid their subs – Trowbridge are late but it is in-hand.

Last year we introduced a 50% discount on new teams – this attracted 3 new teams.

Tournaments all pay for themselves (we actually ended £28 up).

The main cost was supporting Inter-County teams.

Rebate- ES give £1 for every member in the county. In addition they give 5.5% rebate on Court fees

Action: CM to speak with ES on visibility of Clubs paying and the rebate due.

Action: MH to send Members in Membership DB to CM

MS expressed thanks to Clive for, yet again, managing the accounts.

Action: From NB; Next committee meeting – Can we discuss usage of spare funds?

4.0 Juniors – Dax Mellor

Separate report sent including finances.

DM expressed thanks to Rosalind Brock for managing the accounts for the year – very much appreciated.

Profit c.£3000

DM mentioned that the base of junior squash players in Wiltshire is as wide as any other county and in-line with expectations.

There are 3 academy Squads (A,B,C) arranged in player order. 16 players per squad. All squads have qualified coaches on court delivering against a squad plan put together by DM and Jesse Engelbrecht.

Within England, at the higher end we have 57 Juniors in the ES rankings across all ages. 7 are in the Aspire category (regional talent squads).

In the Inter-County we entered 7 teams – there was a struggle for courts because 5 of the 7 were drawn at home.

Coaching progression – a further 6 coaches at L2 and 8 at L1 are going through training this year.

Schools- 38 Primary, 16 Secondary in Wilts – noted as the best in the country.

Action: DM to send MH a list of coaches and synchronize with the membership DB.

Action: DM suggested that we discuss at the next committee meeting the next best course for junior progression into the leagues.

5.0 Committee Members and positions

Executive Committee: Chair – MS to continue – Proposed CM/Seconded MH

Secretary –DW/MH (split role) – Proposed CM/Seconded MS

Treasurer – CM – Proposed MS/Seconded MH

Committee Members: Summer League Sec. – NM – Proposed CM/Seconded DM

Winter League Sec. – NB – Proposed MS/Seconded MH

Junior Chair – DM – Proposed MS/Seconded MH

Media Sec. – SW – Proposed MS/Seconded MH

Membership Sec. – MH – Proposed MS/Seconded CM

Tournaments – DW/BB/MH/HW – Proposed MS/Seconded CM

Co-opted committee member – PG –Proposed MS/Seconded MH

Note: MS has stated that he will only run as Chair for 2 years – we are currently at 1 ½ years. There will be a requirement for a new chair in 6 months time.

6.0 AOB:

6.1: MS has stated that when his spell as chair finishes then he would be keen to pick-up a new initiative around wider participation – along the lines of a similar initiative in the South East.

6.2 There was a discussion around compulsory ES membership for Wiltshire League players. There could be a potential insurance issue.

Action: MS requested that we discuss in a committee meeting

6.3 A request to BB to make the website more accessible

6.4 GDPR – ES have issued guidance and the Masters tournament have put into practice.

Action: BB/DW/MH to share Masters experience and consider next steps.

6.5 Social Media – Policy for video etc

Action: DW to contact MH/SW and BB for wording/guidance for competitions.

6.6 – Div 1 – Thursday only fixtures?

Action: MS to discuss with the Army team/Devizes and understand if we can do this.

6.7 – MS congratulated DM and BB on the great news last week from Swindon planning – marking the next stage of the proposed centre at Broome Manor.

6.8 PG noted that he couldn't find minutes of the intermediate committee meetings.

Action: MS to track down and get onto Website.