

**Minutes Sussex Squash and Racketball Committee Meeting Weald Squash Club**  
**07/09/2010 7.30PM**

**Attendees**

Simon Tunley (ST) (Secretary), Fiona Western (FW), Chris Markham (CM), Paul Millman (PM) (Chair), Mike Harris (MH); John Millard ESR (JM), Karl Manning (KM) and Mick Sheeran (MS)

**Apologise**

Paul Fennell ESR (PF), Ian Robinson (IR) and Mike Tonge (MT)

	<b>Action</b>
<p>1. <b><u>Matters Arising from minutes of last meeting 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010</u></b></p> <p>The issue of Chichester squash club, was discussed and all were pleased they were at least entering one team into the Sussex leagues next year. Hopefully a decision will be made in regards their junior teams following the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> September.</p>	
<p>2. <b><u>Website</u></b></p> <p>KM confirmed it had been updated to include the Facebook and ESR link plus a blog had now been started where people could generate discussions on all things squash.</p> <p>CM raised an issue of the inputting of results/rankings KM noted and agreed to look into</p>	<b>KM</b>
<p>3. <b><u>Senior and Junior County Closed Events</u></b></p> <p>MH confirmed that the junior closed (25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> September 2010 Corals SC) was looking ok to run. The senior closed had only 12 entries and therefore I was a agreed a big push was needed to try and get more entries from all clubs in the county especially as it was now graded. MH to continue to email people daily.</p>	<b>MH</b>
<p>4. <b><u>Junior County Squads/Development</u></b></p> <p>PM confirmed he had met with PF and MT about the plans and was keen that MH talked through the proposed plan with clubs at the coaches forum on the 25<sup>th</sup> September at Corals SC. It was hoped clubs would feedback their thoughts and sign up to the development opportunities.</p> <p>PM asked JM if he could feedback to the committee on his planned role in the proposal. JM confirmed that his focus was linking schools with clubs and using 16hrs of his time in schools; from this the aim was to set up 6 week taster courses in the local clubs to try and create pathways for the children from the various schools and get them playing regular squash. He has already created partnerships with both DC and Freedom Leisure to try and utilise more local leisure centres and encourage them to create opportunities for juniors. JM stated his work with the CSP is still in its infancy and therefore difficult to push squash but he had made contact with the Partnership Development Managers who try and develop links with the schools.</p> <p>PM discussed the funding and agreed that following the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> to look at finalising funding and ensuring that any shortfall is covered over and above the £2500 already offered by SSR. ESR plan to contribute for 3 years so we need to match this. MH mentioned about clubs committing in kind whether it be through free courts or even via volunteers.</p>	

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<p>5. <b><u>Junior County Squads</u></b></p> <p>MH mentioned that himself Ben and Graham ran an open days on the 4<sup>th</sup> July at Corals SC. Around 23 kids turned up although 8 were already county players. They are keen to re-do in December as feel it is a good way to feed the better players into at the least the B squads. County squads have started ok for the new season.</p> <p>6. <b><u>Treasurers Report</u></b></p> <p>CM passed around accounts. The majority of the money has been paid up on the whole by clubs. CM confirmed that we had made contributions to 10 level 1 candidates for the course in November; he is keen to ensure that they do pay this back in kind. Accounts overall looking good as there has been limited expenditure so far.</p> <p>7. <b><u>Leagues inc Juniors</u></b></p> <p>Leagues have started ok. Discussion was had over the inclusion of racketball doubles as MH stated Corals SC were not keen to include in matches, however committee felt that it should be tried as we are trying to set up something new and it needed everyone to support. KM needs to finalise the scoring system on the LMIS after discussions with MT on the racketball front. MT still needs to enter the details of fixtures as he has agreed to do for all clubs. FW particularly keen to know when matches are as she needs four weeks' notice to book courts. KM suggested getting clubs together to iron out the detail of the racketball league.</p> <p>FW confirmed the ladies league going ok Crowborough however have pulled out. FW still planning to run the KO cup for those teams left in the league.</p> <p>Junior leagues all sorted and will start in October. We have lost Cooden but gained teams from Weald, Storrington and Crawley. MS asked the question about entry fees and whether these could be discounted if clubs enter more than one team. CM asked MS to do the maths and see whether it comes close to the agreed budget of £650. PM however felt as the budget had been set we should stick to £20 per team as last year and then we would review again next year prior to the 2011/12 budget being signed off. Discussions on scoring and triangular matches was had to try and make the experience better for juniors.</p> <p>8. <b><u>England Squash and Racketball (ESR)</u></b></p> <p>Brief discussion on voting rights at the ESR AGM, however this needs further looking into; It was confirmed that the directive from ESR was to incorporate PAR 11 in county closed events and premier leagues wherever possible; this falls in line with what SRR have planned for the new season.</p> <p>9. <b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>Next meeting to be scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at the Black Lion Patcham. ST to invite all coaches. MH raised the issue of junior county shirts and funding. He was particular keen that players selected for the teams had different shirts to squad members and therefore it gave them something to aim for. ST suggested he spoke with GS as he believed he sourced them for the younger teams and the cost was covered by their registration fee; this could be the same for the older boys. FW seemed to think there was no money for shirts in the junior accounts. MH to look into via GS and Vanessa Prosser and feedback to the committee.</p>	<p>KM MT</p> <p>ST MH</p>

## **Action points on next page**

### Simon

1. To invite coaches to the Xmas diner

### Karl

1. To update the rankings/results for squash and speak to MT about the racketball league

### Mike Tonge

1. To speak to KM about the racketball league

### Mike Harris

1. To send information about the county closed events to ST.
2. To discuss with MT about hosting a junior event at Crowborough SC.
3. To speak to GS/VP about funding for team shirts as well as squad shirts