

SUSSEX SQUASH AND RACKETBALL AGM

Triangle Leisure Centre, Burgess Hill

14TH JULY 2011 AT 7.00PM

MINUTES

Present: Paul Millman (Chair), Simon Tunley (Sec. University of Sussex), Fiona Western (Ladies Fixture Secretary) Chris Markham (Mens Fixture Secretary/Treasurer) Karl Manning (LA Fitness Gatwick), Mike Tonge (Junior Coordinator Crowborough), Andrew Watts (Crawley), Heather Roberts (EG), Robert Grange (EG), Andy Norris (EG), James Norman (Horsham), Andrew Eade (Burgess Hill), P Fairminer (Midhurst), D Usher (Midhurst), Stuart North (Dunnings SC), Mick Greenway (Lancing), Tony Fiveash (Bluecoats Horsham), Ptere Dawson (Bluecoats Horsham), Andrew Parker, Alan Hyde, Tim Andrews (Brighton Rackets), Fraser Williams, Alistair Gourlay (Brighton SC), Aaron Parkins (David Lloyd), Phil Ransley (David Lloyd), Bill Jefferies Andy Turner (Lewes), Ryan Whiteley Martin Quinn (West Worthing), Mike Phillips (Chichester SC), Trevor Morgan (Weald), Mike Vanderweyden and Paul Kearsley (Storrington). **For information not all attendees signed the register so some names/clubs have been unfortunately missed.**

Apologies: Paul Fennell (England Squash and Racketball), Mick Sheeran (Junior League Organiser) and Ian Robinson (Vice Chair)

	Action
1. Apologies for absence See above	
2. Minutes of previous AGM 15th July 2010 Accepted as true. PM confirmed a presentation was made to John Parr for his services to Sussex Squash over the years. He also congratulated Dunnings Mill on the news they now had the go ahead to start building their new courts	
3. Sussex County Team Reports Results are on the website.	All to note
4. Junior and Senior County Closed Simon Tunley (ST) confirmed that the junior event was to be held on the 24 th and 25 th September and the senior event on the 1 st and 2 nd October both at Corals SC; it would be a graded event that was open to all levels. Posters and application forms have been sent to club reps and are also on the website. Feedback from Bill Jefferies was that he felt the senior event was still held too early	All to note

and needed to be later into the season.

5. League Reports

Men's. CM confirmed there were 82 teams in the mens leagues last season with 3 dropping out. He presented trophies to all the winning teams in the leagues they were:

5E Copthorne 6, 4E Crowborough 4, 4W Crawley 2, 3E E. Grinstead 3/Crowborough 3, 3W Midhurst 2, 2E Weald 1, 2W Middleton 2, Division 1 David Lloyd 1 and the Premier Corals 1

Women's: Fiona Western confirmed that the women's leagues had only 7/8 clubs participating and appealed for any new teams to get in contact with her. Chichester has re-entered the league which was a real positive and the KO cup went well. FW presented trophies to the league winner:

Division 1 Corals 1

Knockout cup winners: West Worthing 1
Plate winners: Corals 1

Junior league report. Mick Sheeran stated the Junior Leagues was now consolidated at 6 divisions with approximately 5 or 6 teams in each division.

This season saw Crawley and the Weald entering Junior teams for the first time and both have enjoyed it so much that they will be entering additional teams next season

Pleased to say that Chichester are back and are entering 2 teams next season and that Henfield will be a new club entering a Junior team for the first time.

The season just gone was very competitive and saw the usual Corals strangle hold finally broke, with Crawley, Littlehampton, Copthorne, Sussex University all coming through to win their divisions, Corals still did manage to win division 5 though.

The Junior Leagues are now looking strong and progressing nicely.

<p>And as food for thought the Juniors have just completed their second season playing PAR 11 scoring !</p> <p>Racketball: Mike Tonge confirmed that in their inaugural season the league had five teams and the winner of the league was East Grinstead 1. Eight teams have put in for this season and he is looking to split into East and West but is still looking for more entries.</p>	
<p>6. Hon. Treasurer's report</p> <p>CM confirmed that the end of year accounts came in on budget and we had a balance of £18k in the bank following a £1k surplus and a £3k worth of expenditure. 2011/12 budget planned to make a £1k surplus. CM stated if people wanted a copy of the detailed accounts he would be more than happy to send them out and to let him know. PM confirmed although accounts were looking healthy we are very keen to ensure money is pumped into development where applicable and is open to ideas and thoughts from the county.</p>	<p>All to note</p>
<p>7. Election of Management Committee</p> <p>PM read out the presently elected officers. PM asked if people were happy to vote the officers in for another year and all agreed. He also reaffirmed the fact that we are always looking for new blood and if anyone was interested in getting involved to contact ST.</p>	<p>All to note</p>
<p>8. Rule Changes</p> <p>See appendix A for the proposed changes and the decisions of the clubs present at the meeting in CAPS.</p>	
<p>9. County Development Plan/AOB</p> <p>PM Confirmed that seven clubs had undertaken development programmes funded both by ESR and SSR. Progress fairly slow but emphasis is to continue to develop more programmes in clubs with funding support from SSR. PM stated more would discussed in the next meeting on possible future development initiatives and those that stayed for this meeting would get a voucher for a free drink as an incentive to stay. The agenda for this meeting can be seen in Appendix B below.</p> <p>Andy Parker from Brighton Rackets asked CM to confirm the ruling on match start times and CM stated that the</p>	<p>All to note</p>

<p>time listed on the fixture sheet was the time matches should start.</p> <p>ST/PM confirmed there would be a free coaching workshop at the University of Sussex on the 17th July 10-1pm run by Graeme Williams the regional coach. All coaches and those keen to coach were welcome.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.30pm</p> <p>.</p>	

Appendix A

Sussex Squash League - Proposed Rule Changes 2011-2012

Proposals to Amend Rules

- 7.4 Amend to now read: “Teams will finish in league positions according to the number of points won throughout the season. In the event of a tie on points by 2 or more teams at the end of the season, their final league positions will be determined by the results of the matches between the teams. League points won in the fixtures between the teams will be looked at first, followed by individual strings won, followed by individual points to determine the final league positions.”

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- 11.1 Additional part of the rule as follows: “Players failing to have their England Squash & Racketball Registration Number added to their ‘Personal Details’ on the system will be deemed ineligible players for any matches they play. Clubs are also strongly encouraged to add players’ dates of birth and genders into the Personal Details section for each player to make selection for the Age Restricted County teams significantly easier.”

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- 11.4 Amend to now read: “After the initial ranking list of the season, re-nomination can be carried out on a monthly basis. The list in the Club Password Protected Area can be amended online up to 24:00hr on the last day of each month, after which it is ‘frozen’ and supersedes the previous list on the Club Page. The final date for nominations each season shall be the last day of February.”

ALL AGREED

Amend to now read: “The bottom team in any Club (and only the bottom team) may play up to 2 (two) un-nominated players in any match during the season, but these players must then be added to the next re-nomination list together with their ES&R Registration Number. The un-nominated players should be placed in a string position commensurate with their playing standard. When the result is entered online the full names and ES&R number of any un-nominated players must be entered in the boxes provided at the bottom of the Match Card screen. Failure to add their details will make them an ineligible player.”

ALL AGREED

- 12.3 Amend to now read: “By 1st November 1 (one) match must have been played by each player in a club’s ranking list otherwise affected players assume a status of ‘Ghosted’. Such players ranked positions are NOT

counted as part of Rule 11.2 and therefore a lower team's highest available player will be correspondingly lower down their ranking list."

ALL AGREED

13.1.7 Amend to now read: "A member of a team who is not registered with England Squash & Racketball and does not have their membership number entered against their name in the 'Personal Details' section of the Club Password Protected Area."

ALL AGREED

Proposals to Delete Rules

11.7 Delete the following rule: "To accommodate changes in playing form between monthly re-nominations, the playing order within a team may be changed providing it conforms to the following:-

- (i) The change must be between consecutive strings.
- (ii) Only one change per team per match is permitted.

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(iii) The change cannot be applied between the fifth string of one team and the first string of the team below if both teams are playing on the same day."

This would mean that Rule 11.3 would stand without exception i.e. teams would have to play strictly in their ranked order.

Alternatively amend (i) to read: "The change must be between consecutively ranked players."

Irrespective of the decision on the removal of the first part of the rule and (i) and (ii), section (iii) should be removed.

11.8 This rule was the 'Professional Rule' that has not been applied for the last 2 seasons.

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Note

It should be noted that, whilst not a rule, clubs should be aware of the following:

A Clubs ranking list will be monitored by the League Organiser against a club list generated using the ES Grading Ranking. Any player more than 5 places outside of

their position according to these rankings will need to be explained and justified. If the League Organiser is unsatisfied with the explanation they may amend the ranking list accordingly.

Appendix B

1. Introductions

2. Issues/actions from last meeting (see my e mail of 27 September 2010 - if you still have it!):

- Initiatives funded by ESR/SSR - several clubs have completed or are undertaking these (adults; and Minisquash in schools)
- Coach development - workshop arranged for Sunday 17 July at University of Sussex. Please come!
- Chichester PSL team - Heather Lock has been circulating info on matches as agreed
- Refereeing course - on hold following further discussion. One during 2011/12?
- Minisquash tournaments - action still pending
- Schools competition - Graham Stevenson to report, recent info issued by ESR
- Chartered status - for further discussion
- Racketball - first season of new racketball league successfully completed

3. What next? Issues could include:

- Women's/girls development at club and county level
- Coaching provision across the county - do we have enough coaches and at the right level?
- Open/graded tournaments
- Adult beginners
- Work with schools, both Primary and Secondary
- Chartered status
- Refereeing course?
- Marketing issues - could we do more to promote S & R at club level?

4. General discussion - anything else?

5. Conclusions

6. AOB

7. Date of next meeting