

Minutes Sussex Squash and Racketball Committee Meeting
Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7.30PM Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Simon Tunley (ST), Bill Jefferies (BJ) Paul Millman (PM), Kelly Eastament (KE), Karl Manning (KM), Stephen Holliday (SH), Chris Markham(CM) and Camron Malik (CRM)

Apologise

	Action
<p>1. <u>Apologies</u></p> <p><u>2 & 3 Matters Arising from minutes of last meeting 7th September 2021</u></p> <p>Minutes accepted as correct</p> <p>4 <u>Leagues</u></p> <p>CM stated mens progressing ok with no issues. CM being more relaxed on rearrangements as less games to play although for this season only. Thoughts on looking at playing home and away second half however no one has shown any interest. However based on present Covid status probably makes more sense. Women's side only three entries so difficult to run a league structure however we have had payment from them. On the junior side we had nine teams enter plus an extra from Nutley and two from Dolphin, so there is scope to run a league. Unfortunately we presently do not have anyone to support the running of the league. Thoughts on the clubs self managing and setting up the leagues via KM. CM suggested 4 divisions of 3 teams and they all played a triangular fixture at least. ST suggested creates leagues and LW will work with CM and KM to create the fixtures. ST suggested to try and create a triangular match option with the womens teams that have entered. ST agreed to contact the clubs with KE to discuss options and CM to send him the contacts</p> <p>5. <u>Business League Updates</u></p> <p>BJ mentioned it was happening and he has played four matches and it is down to two divisions and the 2nd division is operating well. Business league not using the LMS this year so not sure on results overall. Hopefully will be back to normal next season</p> <p>6. <u>Junior County Squads</u></p> <p>Feedback from LW was we got five teams out for the inter county, unfortunately could not get the girls U19 out. Five teams through to the finals at Nottingham. LW about to send out email with all the info for the teams. He will nominate a team manager and captain to support the weekend. All in all boys quite strong and the girls slightly weaker as have no U11 or U17 girls teams. Lots of positives. LW established a good relationship with Kit and Ben and they are happier now</p>	<p>LW/KM/CM</p> <p>CM/ST/KE</p>

<p>LW is there to support. Turn out not huge and players being selected even if not attending county squads and money collection not the best again. However some players have fully paid for the season especially in the feeder squad which is a positive. With having only one coach at each sessions does make it more cost effective. CRM mentioned they got 17 for the November sessions however only 5 have actually paid although LW mentioned a lot were from the feeder squad. ST agreed to send LW notes that Graham Stevenson drafted around his role. PM mentioned about paying LW for his work or least expenses and it was agreed this would be good however we do need to ensure we can collect fees as we need to cover costs. CRM has managed to secure £1000 again from the trading post and he will draft an email to request the funds and send asap with our bank details. CM confirmed he would send CRM an invoice for the money. LW asked do the clubs support for the county teams and CM confirmed there is a subsidy to the junior account from the senior account to support the squads. LW feels the engagement between clubs and the county squads is limited and feels there needs to be a way to get both groups working together. KE confirmed the engagement has dropped off and we need to try and get clubs back onside and be clear what happens at the county squads. PM suggested we should try and find the mover and shakers in clubs to actually kick start the reengagement. PM suggested KE send around list of clubs and we would try and add contacts. LW confirmed that we need the county coaches to work with club coaches and confirm their coaching philosophy and their expectation of what type of player they are looking for.</p> <p>7. <u>Budget</u></p> <p>CM confirmed there had not been a huge amount of expenditure and we have a Surplus. We have had grants from Active Sussex towards development and the squash stars programme should break even across the season. PM confirmed there is a £1500 grant towards KE fees from the SE region.</p> <p>1. <u>Sussex Development</u></p> <p>See appendix 1 for the October and November reports on development. KE asked the question about Sussex Squash having a zoom account as would allow a smoother process for organising meetings. CM felt based on the number of meetings it would make sense to have an account. KE will send contact details to CM set up. Schools sessions all going well and funding has come through.</p> <p>2. <u>Graham Stevenson Presidency and Present</u></p> <p>PM is happy to propose GS as a figure head and it would help retain some commitment in Sussex squash. CM happen to second. PM confirmed we should get signed off at a AGM and make the office for 3 years. CM confirmed we don't have a president on our constitution and we would probably have to change and add the role in. Although thinking was it might be an honorary role and not elected and therefore does not need to sit on the committee. LW to send just giving link for GS to KE to put on social media and PM to contact Zoe to aks her thoughts on a gift. ST to update constitution and send around plus contact GS to let him know about the honour.</p>	<p>ST</p> <p>CM/CRM</p> <p>KE</p> <p>KE/CM</p> <p>LW PM KE ST</p>
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<p>3. <u>Social Media Update</u></p> <p>Going ok and be used wherever possible</p> <p>4. <u>Website</u></p> <p>KM asked for feedback on new look and agreed to send notes to all on how to add things to the various sections on the website</p> <p>5. <u>Senior County Teams Entered/Womens Captain</u></p> <p>LW confirmed that Lauren Briggs might be interested in managing the womens team and help develop the womens game in Sussex. PM suggested ST contacted her to see if she would be interested and LW to send him her contact</p> <p>6. <u>England Squash Matters</u></p> <p>AGM coming up on the 14th and a council meeting too ST to attend. We are to receive the £1500 from the SE forum to support development role.</p> <p>7. <u>AOB</u></p> <p>Next Meeting 22/2/22 7.30pm on Zoom ST to book</p>	<p>KM</p> <p>ST LW</p> <p>ST</p>
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Summary of Action points

Kelly Eastment

1. To create list of clubs and try and add key contacts and champions of the clubs to try and build stronger relationships with the junior county squads.
2. To send email details to CM so he can create a Sussex Squash Zoom account that can be used for all our future meetings.
3. To put on social media link for the thanks giving page to collect funds for a present for GS
4. To work with ST on contacting the womens teams about triangular league matches after Christmas

Simon Tunley

1. To contact with KE the three womens teams to see if they wish to play triangular matches after Christmas
2. To send GS admin notes to LW on the county squads
3. To update constitution and contact GS about honouring him with the presidency
4. To contact Lauren Briggs about supporting both the womens county team and also womens squash in the county
5. To book next committee meeting

Chris Markham

1. To work with LW and KM on setting up junior fixtures on LMS post Christmas
2. To send contact details of the womens teams to ST/KE
3. To send invoice made out to Trading Post to CRM so he can claim sponsorship offered
4. To set up a county Zoom account

Lee Wicks

1. To work with KM/CM to create junior leagues after Christmas
2. To send just giving link to KE
3. To send Lauren Briggs contact to ST

Karl Manning

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2. To send out notes to all on adding information to the new look website

Camron Malik

1. To email Trading Post to request sponsorship money and working with Chris on email and invoice.

Paul Millman

1. To contact Zoe around preferred gift from GS

Appendix 1

Sussex County Development Officer – Kelly Eastment

October 2021 report – Coronavirus lockdown

Actions taken so far

- Development meeting and circulating both minutes and sending out reminders previously
- South East development coaches meeting
- Satellite programme – organising 3 programme start dates and coaches, liaising with Active Sussex to receive 50% of funding upfront and informing CM
- Liaising with CV ref next years' school day conference
- Emails with SGO – we have been asked to attend the West Sussex School PE Conference next year in within the market stalls but also to take one of the sessions to teach the teachers
- Emails with GS to obtain contact details and to liaise ref intercounties
- Liaising with LW ref taking over county squad admin for now and intercounties info
- Phone call with ST to discuss county set up
- Liaising with PS at Hove to explain how to coach in schools, him taking on some coaching with BH and where to find coaching info on ES site
- Phone call with BH and NM ref Blatchington Mill school satellite programme
- Phone call with CM ref squad teams and squads
- Social media posts to promote activities at clubs and highlight success of junior players

My view

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- I feel I am continuing to build connections with a lot of coaches and clubs with this leading to people coming to me much more for help, guidance and meetings
- Feeling confident we have a good team of coaches to push the schools and Squash Stars programme to success following the setup
- I feel moral has dipped recently with changes in Sussex and the next steps will be very crucial for how everyone moves forward
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- Phone call with Brian Hollands from Kent regarding Squash Stars programme, potential coaches pack deal from Karakal and possible home and away friendly for Feeder squad players
- Liaising with LW regarding junior teams, squads, intercounties and county closed
- Liaising with CM regarding junior squad times, county squads and county closed
- Phone call with K2 regarding meeting update points

- Liaising with SH regarding funded sessions

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