

**Minutes Sussex Squash and Racketball Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 7.30PM Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees**

Simon Tunley (ST), Paul Millman (PM), Camron Malik (CRM), Karl Manning (KM), Chris Markham(CM) and Kelly Eastement (KE),

**Apologise**

Graham Stevenson (GS)

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. <u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Graham Stevenson</p>	
<p><b><u>2 &amp; 3 Matters Arising from minutes of last meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021</u></b></p> <p>Minutes signed of as true. CM waiting to hear from Stephen Halliday for an invoice for funds. KE to chase. ST to chase Ben Hutton on Twitter account</p>	<b>KE/CM</b>
<p><b>4 <u>Budget</u></b></p> <p>CM confirmed we had some expenditure for upfront cost for Sussex Star programmes. We have had a contribution from the SE region towards coach costs. Had £200 of participant fees come through for those taking part. Still subsidising the programme and keen to make viable. CM mentioned about having a conversation around KE role as was part funded by SE forum. PM suggested we contacted the SE to ask for further funds going forward and possibly an increased amount. Budget based on having funds from south east forum as required to ensure the role can remain sustainable. Budget looking ok as expenditure has been limited however still require support from the SE forum. CM to draft email to SE forum on asking for more funds. GS planning to run squads in May and CM has received fees from around 14 players so far for the weekend. Need to ensure those who attend do pay their fees to help subsidise the costs. Main account no expenditure as nothing happening due to Covid. We have had £1000 for website development which we need to spend against. CM/ST to speak to KE about contacting previous sponsor</p>	
<p><b>5/6 <u>Leagues</u></b></p> <p>ST confirmed that Lee Welch is standing down from his junior league role and therefore we need to find a replacement. ST to talk to KE to see if she would be happy to deliver on the leagues. CM suggested we need to speak to clubs to find out who is keen to return to play and that we should stick to 5 person teams. CRM suggested working to a 3 person team to start with just in case restrictions to come back. Three can work if we have go back to bubbles. CRM thinks a lot of players and captains have dropped out and potentially clubs and therefore we need to be cautious. CM suggests once we have clarity on what the playing rules are we try and have a fixture/AGM meeting and invite as many clubs as possible to gauge their feelings on leagues and potential format. Discussion on an email</p>	<b>ST</b>

with a survey to get some answers on what could work and is sustainable. We agreed to start engagement process to find out the interest via email. ST to draft email and put a poll on facebook and instagram too and speak with Kelly. Discussed with KE about a possible meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> May with as many clubs as possible

ST/KE

### **7/8/9 Junior County Squads/Development Work and Social Media Updates**

CRM confirmed squads to happen on a trial basis and GS sent out information. Dates have provided for 20/21 and 21/22 junior county closed too

Sussex Squash in Schools has started with 3 schools in Chichester, all really positive feedback from schools and Tim.

Sussex Squash Stars have the first programme running in Chichester starting next month following on from the 3 schools, 8 people already booked and paid onto the course. Looking at the next course running at Hove with Ben as he is working with lots of schools, perhaps running this through summer.

Satellite programme is still being worked on, have sent off new financial year funding to Active Sussex so waiting to hear back, schools interested and we will link this programme with the Sussex Squash Stars equipment packs (have requested funding for these as part of it)

Sussex Squads returning monthly from May using Hove for this, road shows to be ran in July and August with July being at West Worthing

Email address setup for Sussex squads instead of using Graham's personal email, this way a couple of people have access so can send the email. GS looking at setting up the address groups within email thanks to Karl's step by step

Social Media has Malik's Magic monthly video, starting to put out different videos. Noah has put together solo practice video. Lee Wicks looking at doing one too for solo. Ben Hutton putting together a video for socially distanced drills ready for 17<sup>th</sup> May

Coaches Development Meetings getting more attendees or at least apologies along with a club/coach update

Would like to organise a meeting with all club reps (captains etc) where we put our heads together for return to squash especially during summer, friendly matches, booked slots club evenings/afternoons etc.

### **10. Websites**

ST to find out the updates on the new website

### **11 County Teams**

Nothing to Report at this present time.

### **12 England Squash**

Latest Covid-19 guidance on their website although waiting for an update ready for the 17/5/21 and what is allowed. PM confirmed that chances are that we can go back to full play on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Concern on County support post Linda's role going; this is being questioned by the SE forum.

**13 AOB**

Date of next meeting via Zoom on the 15/6/2021 ST to book

CRM confirmed that they plan to host a PSA event at K2 in July which is on the Calendar although issues around the testing protocols. CRM mentioned Hove Fitness plan to host event too

**ST**

**Summary of Action points**

Kelly Eastment

1. To contact Stephen Halliday about applying for funds from Sussex Squash as CM yet to receive payment request

Simon Tunley

1. To book Zoom meeting for the 15/6/2021 for next committee meeting
2. To check Twitter account via Ben Hutton to change email and access
3. To talk with Kelly about a successor to Lee on running the junior leagues
4. To draft an email to clubs on their return to squash and league matches
5. To discuss with Kelly about producing a poll on Facebook on interest around league squash

Chris Markham

1. To look at levy invoice again in 21/22 season

## Appendix 1

### **Sussex County Development Officer – Kelly Eastment**

#### **February 2021 report – Coronavirus lockdown**

##### **Actions taken so far**

- Reminder emails sent to coaches and clubs regarding development meeting
- Development meeting
- Minutes created and circulated from development meeting
- Meeting with BH and CM regarding Satellite programme
- Phone meeting with GS regarding social media plan for the year
- Preparation for development meeting
- Liaising with Chris Vine ref Schools and funding for Josh Barlow to take Level 1 (Jack Martell)
- South East Development Officers meeting
- Liaising with CM regarding YouTube videos and pictures along with navigating BH HIIT video to be uploaded
- Social media posts and YouTube updates, along with draft plan for videos
- Satellite preparation for initial draft
- Meeting with CM regarding social media plan for the year
- Liaising with Sussex Schools Programme Manager regarding schools work and check in prior to meeting at the end of last year
- Meeting set up with Tim regarding 'game analysis' and 'game tactics' Zoom calls for Sussex players along with schools work regarding interested schools in Chichester

##### **My view**

- Coaches seem to be wanting to push forward as and when they can get back on court
- 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
- With the Sussex Squash in Schools programme and the Sussex Squash Stars project things are starting in the right direction to increase junior participation and knowledge of Squash around the county. These are definitely strides in the right direction to pushing Squash in the county forward and building closer bonds with the coaches to make us a team and not individuals
- Video meetings seem to gain a lot more attendance than previous face-to-face meetings

##### **Kelly Eastment**