# D&C November 1st Minutes 2022

Meeting opened at 7:30pm

**Present:**

J Rowsby, N Collins, G Smith, G Watson, D Geldart.

**Apologies for absence:**

D Andrews, B Duke, T McKay

**Accept previous minutes as true**

Proposer: J Rowsby Seconder: N Collins.

**Matters Arising:**

The Charities Commission require more information before cancelling our CIO status. **Ongoing**

**Safeguarding:**

England Squash have been contacted re checking on safeguarding/welfare officers who aren't coaches. When a person does their safeguarding course, they inform ES who then have that information on file. ES can access members profiles that Dinah cannot and get dates their safeguarding course covers them.

From a club perspective with help coaching by members or team players- "helpers" can help at coaching with a minimum of DBS provided they aren't coaching, just supporting, and the fully qualified coach is there overseeing them. If a person becomes a regular helper, DBS, Safeguarding and Level 1 advised.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Team fees have all been paid.

Kevin Whitfield has been invoiced for his sponsorship money.

An update of accounts to the 30th October has been sent to committee members.

**League Report:**

At the start of this month, clubs will be sent an update of their team nomination order based on Squash Levels. **Geoff W**

With the reduction in the number of teams/leagues, the rule on the maximum number of games a person can play, is to be reviewed at the end of the season.

Durham Uni cancelled their match against Guisborough (H) at short notice. **To be reviewed at the January meeting.**

**Tournaments:**

The County Closed is set to begin on 21st November with the usual A, B and C categories with a £15.00 entry. The finals will be held on Saturday 26th. Due to the slow uptake to date, clubs have been notified again.

There is no news from ES on Inter Counties Seniors and Masters competition dates. **Carried over.**

Men's Seniors, 35's, 45's, 55's and 65's. Nick suggests getting the squads together asap. Collate lists of possibly 10 for each age group and these to be brought to the next meeting. **Carried over.**

**Funding update:**

No updates.

**Juniors:**

A boys' team of three has been entered in the U19 age group of the junior inter counties competition to be held at Sheffield on 13th November.

Twelve juniors attending an U11 festival hosted by Norton. From the twelve, three have been invited to attend county coaching.

The first successful county coaching squad day was held at Yarm. The next one will be held at Nunthorpe.

**Website:**

An area on the website has been set up for committee members to store information. Instructions to follow. **Ongoing**

**Council Report:**

There is a meeting this November.

**AOB:**

1. The Squash 57 Blitz competition had to be cancelled due to lack of interest/teams dropping out. We will look to be running it again at a later date. If we get the same response, we will not continue with it.
2. Update on The History of what is a president and vice president. **Ongoing**
3. The County Constitution has been updated by Julia, Brian & Jonny. It has been emailed out to all committee members before the next meeting to allow for any feedback to be discussed and approve at the November meeting. **Ongoing**
4. An update is required on the purchase of rebound courts. **Ongoing**
5. The county is to create a set of county equipment which could be borrowed by clubs should they need additional equipment for taster sessions (on a short-term basis). Also put a list of terms and conditions together. Any damaged or lost equipment will have to be replaced by the club hiring the equipment. **In progress**
6. Liam Gutcher has been contacted and, is willing to hold a Level 2 coaching course in our county in early 2023. Clubs have been contacted again for numbers of those interested.
7. Funds to cover 50% of the cost of the Level 2 coaching course will be made available by the county. A contract to assist in coaching the county juniors for those who may wish to take up the offer, is to be drawn up. **Nick**
8. We have started using Leaguemaster's "CALL STRIPE" function to collect competition entry fees on-line.
9. England Squash has sent the county a governance self-assessment form. It has been filled out and, with some questions requiring further clarification, returned.

**Next Meeting:**

Monday 5th December @ 7:15pm

Meeting closed at 8:40pm