D&C March 20th Minutes 2023

Meeting opened at 7:15 pm

Present:

D Andrews, J Rowsby, G Smith, N Collins D Geldart, T McKay, G Watson.

Apologies for absence:

B Duke, J Buckton.

Accept previous minutes as true

Proposer: N Collins. Seconder: D Andrews.

Matters Arising:

CIO status update. Monies in the CIO account need to be disposed of before the status can be quashed. Brian is still talking to the Charities Commission.

Safeguarding:

Clubs should make sure their safeguarding officer is registered on the England Squash website. This can be done through the clubs England Squash account admin.

A section on safeguarding has been added to the county website under the about tab.

Treasurer's Report:

Awaiting sponsorship money payment from Kevin Whitfield

Update of accounts supplied to this meeting.

League Report:

An appeal has been made on the result of the 2nd half of the season, Aycliffe 1 v. Banatynes 2 match when Banatynes played an un-nominated player at 4th string. After a discussion and, on a show of hands, 4 committee members voted for and 2 abstained to the 4th string result being awarded a walkover to Aycliffe.

Walkovers will be awarded for any match not played in the men's division.

Some ladies' results have not been submitted. Clubs to be contacted. **G W**

Tournaments:

The men's O65 team are playing in Peterborough over the weekend 14-16th April. They have been informed that due to roadworks etc, it will take approx. 3-4 hours to get there, meaning an early set off for the first match on the Saturday morning. The team have asked if they could travel down on the Friday with the county covering the extra days accommodation costs. The committee agreed to do so.

A question arose regarding a player playing for two counties in inter county competitions at the same time. If a player is playing for a county, then decides to play for another county, they cannot do so in the same season. The player is free to play for another county after a year has passed between playing for one and then the other. **DG to talk to JB.**

The county men's team played at Carlisle beating Lancashire 3-2 and Cumbria 3-2. They now go through to the finals weekend. Our players being Michael Andrews, Sam Gibbon, Ben Cross Rob Pearce and Matthew Bond.

Funding update:

Nothing to report.

Juniors:

Yarm will be hosting a county squad this coming weekend.

On May 7th the county will be entering teams in the U11, U13 and U 17 age groups in the Northern Cup competition in Cheshire.

County Website:

Various menu tabs on the website have not been working (e.g., the Honours Board). This has now been sorted. Some information was also found to be out of date or missing, everything is now up to date.

Council Report:

No recent meeting.

AOB:

1. The final draft of the updated Constitution has been accepted by this committee. It will be put on the website and sent to clubs as an agenda item along with information on the coming county AGM. **GS**
2. Information requires drafting for borrowing the county junior equipment. **Ongoing**
3. With Dave stepping down as chairman at the end of the season, a jobs list/ set of bullet points are required of what he does etc. **Ongoing (Dave/Nick)**
4. Yarm have offered to host the County Closed and Nunthorpe the master's competition.
5. Kevin Whitfield is available to attend the presentation evening.
6. A review the men's premier league and ladies league is to be undertaken for next year. **Carried over**
7. County competition rules have been updated to stop players entering the following round of a competition after walking off the previous round before the match had finished.
8. The committee are looking for a representative from each of the county clubs willing to stand on the county committee for the whole of the 2023-24 season.
9. The Level 2 coaching course may now take place in the 2nd quarter of this year.
10. Durham & Cleveland's Tim Clark, Yawar Abbas (O55s) and Neil Harrison (O60s Captain) have all been selected to play for England in this seasons Home Internationals.
11. Information on the presentation evening to be set to clubs and the website. **GS**

Next Meeting:

Will be decided after the 2023 AGM meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm