# D&C September 25th Minutes 2023

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

**Present:**

J Rowsby, B Duke, N Collins, J Buckton, D Geldart, G Watson, G Smith, T McKay.

**Apologies for absence:**

D Andrews.

**Accept previous minutes of 21-08-23 as true**

Proposer: J Rowsby  Seconder: D Geldart

**Matters Arising:**

CIO status update, Brian has been in contact with the Charities Commission again. We have found out, it is easier to continue down the CIO route than go back.

**Safeguarding:**

Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer gave an update on the accounts.

Three clubs have still to pay their team fees.

**League Report:**

One lady's match has had not been played. It must be re-arranged within two weeks.

**Tournaments:**

Nunthorpe will host the County Masters in January. A date to be confirmed for 2024.

The Junior County Closed to be held in September has had to be cancelled. A date in November is to be arranged.

**Funding update:**

No funding available currently.

**Juniors:**

Yarm will be running a Junior Bronze Open competition over the weekend 21/22nd October. Entry is through the England Squash website (£22.00).

**County Website:**

The Honours Board is still not working and the policy documents tab is empty. It is being investigated.

**Council Report:**

The next meeting is in November

**AOB:**

1. Three sets of county junior taster session equipment have been purchased for use by any clubs. Norton, Redcar, and Yarm will hold one each.
2. Review what we can do to promote the county presentation evening. One suggestion was to start earlier on in the day with a couple of county players playing various people with prizes for the most points won. The presentation will take place later in the day. Dates of 6th or 13th April have been suggested.
3. The level 2 coaching course will be held on 9/10th December at Yarm, with results will be given out in February. A Level 2 Coaching Certificate Funding Support leaflet has been drafted outlining what is expected from those candidates who take up the funding support offered by the county to offset the full course costs.
4. Sponsors scoring tablet covers have been ordered. Disappointment has been shown in the supplier not keeping to the delivery time set. A new supplier is to be sourced.
5. There is a keen squash player in Northumbria who is using Twitter to promote all that is happening in their county. Is there someone in our county that is willing to do the same?
6. With having a healthy bank balance, everyone was asked to come to this meeting with ideas, suggestions on what we can spend some of it on.
    - Free open nights around the clubs to bring in new members using club or county coaches. (4 sessions at price/2 plus a taster bag. County pay 50% court costs plus coach). Dunlop have offered to sponsor the event. Clubs to be informed.
    - Run our own D&C County Open with A, B and C events. It will cost around £3,500 to run. A date to run it to be decided.
7. For discussion at the October meeting – Should we bring back promotion/relegation of the Premier/Div 1 leagues.
8. A squash member has contacted the committee regarding Squash Levels dictation of the nomination order of teams. The member is to be contacted over the matter.
9. A request was made for team players with valid long-term injuries to have their Squash Levels number reduced for when they returned to full time squash. The committee agreed. A discretion on the league rules to be added. **GW**

**Next Meeting:**

23rd October @ 7:00 pm

Meeting closed at 20.15pm