D&C October 23rd Minutes 2023

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present:

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

Apologies for absence:

J Buckton, D Geldart

Accept minutes of 25-09-23 as true

Proposer: N Collins Seconder: T McKay

Matters Arising:

CIO status update given. Ongoing.

Safeguarding:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

All clubs have now paid their team fees.

The treasurer supplied an update of accounts.

League Report:

One unplayed lady's match has now been played. Unfortunately, another match has been cancelled. It must be re-arranged within two weeks.

On the 15th October Guisborough/Hartlepool game, Guisborough were unable to field a team. Guisborough forfeit the game with all points go to Hartlepool.

Durham Uni fielded a new player. After playing Guisborough and seeing his score result, it was noted the Squash Level for the Uni player was a lot lower than it should have been, the Uni player should have played in a higher position. At the next match, where Durham Uni. play Sedgefield, the Uni. Player must play at 1st string.

At the home match of Bannatyne v Yarm, Bannatyne only fielded 4 players. Any bonus points they could have won will not be allowed.

It is a county rule that players must be members of England Squash to play in the county leagues and competitions. On checking, this is not the fact and, some players are not members. A date of November 30th has been chosen for those people to join England squash. After that date, anyone who has not joined will be barred from playing team squash. Clubs to be notified.

Tournaments:

Nunthorpe will host the County Masters beginning Thursday 25th January 2024.

The Junior County Closed has now been moved to the end of the season. A date to be decided.

For this year's League Cup, if a sponsor cannot be found, the county will sponsor it. It will start the beginning of December.

Entry for the County Closed competition is now open. Information can be found on the county website and a poster has been sent to all clubs.

Funding update:

No updates available currently.

Juniors:

The county is looking to host a county U11 and U13 event in a couple of weeks time.

The Junior Bronze competition to be hosted by Yarm, had to be cancelled due to a low entry.

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. 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. We are looking into the possibility of bringing a couple of Players from Pontefract.
2. 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.
3. 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?
4. Everyone has been asked to come up with ideas, suggestions on what we can spend some of the county's funds on.
    - 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.
5. At the start of the 2024/5 season, the Premier Division will be disbanded, instead, there will be Divisions 1 to 4. Promotion/relegation will apply to all divisions. The number of teams per division will also be evened out. This will be mentioned at the County AGM.
6. A squash member has contacted the committee regarding Squash Levels dictation of the nomination order of teams. NC has replied to the member.
7. 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 has been added.
8. England Squash will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 15th November via the on-line video software Zoom.
9. Sedgefield with be carrying out overdue court maintenance w/c 30th October. Dates for home team matches that will be affected have been re-arranged.
10. Taster session kits will be purchased for Darlington and Sedgefield.
11. From now on, any information sent out to clubs via email. will have the county committee CC'ed in also.
12. For the future, we need to look at a way of communicating information, things like competitions, to all members of the county through their email addresses. Also, all competitions will be paid for on line.
13. Clubs have been informed of the home team hospitality rule of supplying food and one drink per person for the away team.

Next Meeting:

14th November @ 7:00 pm

Meeting closed at 20:30pm