D&C November 14th Minutes 2023

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present:

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

Apologies for absence:

B Duke, J Buckton.

Accept minutes of 23-10-23 as true

Proposer: J Rowsby Seconder: N Collins

Matters Arising:

CIO update; After reviewing Best Practice on the Charities Commission website, there are a couple of items need to be tightened up on. Tom McKay has offered to supply an overview/terminology list to assist. Ongoing.

Safeguarding:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer gave an update of accounts.

An invoice has been sent to Hathaway and Cope for sponsoring the County Closed.

League Report:

Another lady's match has been cancelled. It must be re-arranged within two weeks.

The Sedgefield/Guisborough match could not be played due to an overrun of the court maintenance at Sedgefield. It will be allowed to be re-arranged.

Nunthorpe were unable to field a team for the match away at Leyburn. Points will be awarded accordingly.

The Norton/Durham Uni match will have to be re-arranged as it clashes with the County Closed.

Tournaments:

This year's League Cup will be sponsored by BOSS Entertainment. All information on the draw etc can be found on the county website.

To date, 71 people have entered the County Closed competition.

Anyone entering the County Closed from Durham Uni can do so but, they must be aware they will be tied to Durham and Cleveland for the rest of the season and cannot play in any other County Closed Tournament.

A question has been asked of a Bedale player entering the County Closed. Under the criteria, if the person can satisfy one of the following; was born in Durham and Cleveland, resided in the county 3 month prior to the competition or has not entered any other County Closed tournament, they are allowed to enter.

Funding update:

No funding available currently.

Juniors:

The county is looking to host a county U11 and U13 event soon.

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 on 15th November, followed by the England Squash AGM.

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. Finding a supplier of covers for the scoring tablets has been hard to do due to their size. Clubs have also been contacting the county regarding the length of time batteries are lasting during games. With the tablets being bought in 2019, it has been suggested the county buy new tablets and covers for the start of the 2023-24 season.
3. With the county having its own Facebook page, we are looking into creating a county members page where members of DCSRA will be allowed to post articles etc on it.
4. The county is looking to run its 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. Ongoing.
5. A taster session kit will be purchased for Darlington and a partial kit for Sedgefield.
6. Kevin Whitfield to be contacted to see if he will continue to sponsor the county.
7. County meeting minutes are now up to date on the county website.

Next Meeting:

Monday 15h January 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting closed at 8:00pm