D&C Monday 15th January Minutes 2024

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Apologies for absence:

B Duke, T McKay

Accept minutes of 14-11-23 as true

Proposer: N Collins. Seconder: D Andrews.

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. 95% complete.

Safeguarding:

Clubs to be contacted to asked them to check their coaches and safeguarding officers are up to date with their certificates as, some appear not to do so. Clubs will also be asked, if possible, for those who have volunteers/helpers with juniors

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer provided an update of accounts prior to this meeting.

Hathaway and Cope have paid their invoice for sponsoring the County Closed.

Awaiting payment from BOSS Entertainment for sponsoring the county Handicap competition.

Promotional display banners for county competitions have been purchased.

League Report:

Review issues over eligibility of Premier players to compete in the second half of the season.

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. Second round matches that have not been played, have until school February half term to do so.

A big thanks to Yarm for hosting the County Closed competition and Hathaway & Cope for providing sponsorship yet again. Information on winners and photographs can be found on the county website. A letter has been sent to Craig.

Inter Counties Competitions; the county has entered teams in the O45 captained by J Buckton, O55 by Peter Lonsdale and, Brian Duke the O65.

Funding update:

No funding available currently.

Juniors:

The county will be holding a Junior Squash Challenge for 8 to13 years olds at Yarm at the end of January, Norton in February and, Nunthorpe in March. Information has been sent to clubs.

County Website:

The Honours Board is now working.

Council Report:

There was little to come out of the council meeting. and, 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 also, with the problem of some tablets holding their charge, it has been decided to use them for another season then, replace them.
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. A discussion took place on how to recognise people who had supported DCSRA over a lifetime of squash.
8. Policy Documents.
9. From Tom, have we discussed if there were any plans or need for a recognition for John Shaw.

Next Meeting:

19th February @ 7:00 pm

Meeting closed at 8.40pm