D&C Monday 19th February Minutes 2024

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Apologies for absence:

J Rowsby, B Duke.

Accept minutes of 15-01-24 as true

Proposer: J Buckton Seconder: D Andrews

Matters Arising:

CIO update; The document is to be circulated to the committee prior to the March meeting for comments etc. when, approval will be sought.

Match results should be submitted within a maximum of 24 hours if exceeded there will be a 2-point penalty. Nunthorpe did not send in their result v Sedgefield 2nd within the specified time. Nunthorpe will receive a 2-point penalty.

Rule 3b if a team cancels an immediate 10-point penalty will be given to the cancelling team. Sedgefield ladies were due to play Bedale and Yarm 2nds and both cancelled. There are exceptions in the rules for single team clubs. The League Secretary will contact those mentioned above to clarify the situation.

Safeguarding:

England squash have updated their information on Safeguarding Policies. They have advised all clubs to print and display their Safeguarding Policies on their club notice boards. Clubs to be informed.

Treasurer's Report:

Although unable to attend the meeting, the treasurer supplied a breakdown of costs for the County Closed and Masters competitions. The cost of 2 boxes of balls needs to be added to the County Closed competition.

We have received from BOSS Entertainment, their sponsorship money. A letter of thanks will be sent to them. The secretary requires their address to do so.

Due to Kevin Whitfield not receiving an invoice, his sponsorship money has not been received by the county.

League Report:

One Guisborough and Premier Division players was discussed at the January meeting and agreed that no additional players from Pontefract could be brought in as it contravened the rules. Players will not be allowed.

Tournaments:

For each person entering the County Closed and/or Masters competitions, the host club receives £5.00. This is to be reviewed.

Thanks to Nunthorpe for hosting the County Masters competition.

Funding update:

There is no funding available currently.

Juniors:

Yarm hosted the first of three Junior Squash Challenges on 28th January and, Nunthorpe on 25th February. Both were well attended. Norton will host the final one in March. Thanks to Yarm and Nunthorpe for offering their courts.

County Website:

Nothing to report.

Council Report:

There have been no meetings since last month.

OB:

1. Review what we can do to promote the county presentation evening. A plan for the presentation evening is to be correlated.
2. 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. **Ongoing**
3. The county is to hold its own D&C County Open with A, B and C events. Thoughts are to run the competition over 2/3 days for both male and female entrants in May. We will be looking to find sponsors. **Ongoing**
4. A taster session kit will be purchased for Darlington and a partial kit for Sedgefield. **Ongoing**
5. Can all committee members review the Policy Documents we already have on the county website. Are they up to date and, what others are required.
6. To take the game of squash forward, the county is looking to create a roll of County Development Officer. What the position entails including the setting up of criteria's/goals etc is still to be decided. Entrants for the position will be required to be nominated.
7. Review the presentation of trophies to include competition plate winners.
8. The county has been notified of Angela Fairley (Redcar), who slipped, and broke her wrist in the shower area at Bedale on Tuesday evening (13th Feb) after her match. We have also been made aware there was no first aid kit available on site. Unfortunately, matters like the above should be covered by individual club accident reporting and safety policies.
9. A date of Monday 22nd April has been set for the County AGM. A room at Norton to be booked.
10. Can committee members start to think of recipients for the various trophies presented at the Presentation evening.
11. From the 2024/5 season onwards, squash players will be required to become individual members of England Squash. This could result in the rebates received by the county from them reducing. The county will look at the possible effects of this to county funding.
12. On reviewing the costs associated with the County Closed and Masters competition entries this year, a review of payments to clubs for hosting them will be taken.
13. For the 2024/5 season, A suggested rule update for the county leagues is, home teams to email results to the League Secretary.
14. On reviewing the league structure and number of teams in each league, a suggestion of removing the Premier League and averaging the number of teams in the remaining leagues to 9 was made for the 2024/5 season. This is to be looked at.
15. Discussion on the minimum number of 'home' players for teams in top division for future seasons.

Meeting closed at 20.47pm

Next Meeting:

18th March @ 7:00 pm