# D&C Monday 25th March Minutes 2024

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

**Present:**

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

**Apologies for absence:**

None

**Accept minutes of 19-02-24 as true**

Proposer: J Buckton  Seconder: N Collins

**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. **Ongoing**

**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 have been informed.

Some coaches are out of compliance due to lapsed qualifications and have been informed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

A n updated balance sheet will be supplied post this meeting. **JR**

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. **DG** to inform **GS**

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

**League Report:**

All games have been completed.

**Tournaments:**

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

The county entered teams in this year's MO55 and MO65 Inter Counties age groups. The MO55 played Cheshire and Yorkshire and came third. The MO65 played Northumbria and Lancashire and came second.

**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.

**County Website:**

Nothing to report.

**Council Report:**

There have been no meetings.

**OB:**

1. Review what we can do to promote the county presentation evening. A plan for the presentation evening is to be correlated. **DG/NC**
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 possibly 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 **JB**
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. **All**
6. 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. 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. **JB**
9. 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. **Ongoing**
10. For the 2024/5 season, A suggested rule update for the county leagues is, home teams to email results to the League Secretary.
11. 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. Passed at the AGM
12. Discussion on the minimum number of 'home' players for teams in top division for future seasons.
13. Email from Sheila Peden re juniors. Specifically, we would like visibility of a strategy or a plan so we can understand how as a club we can engage at a county level. We have an active Junior Section managed by Rob Pearce (copied in) and he has commented that he is disappointed that a couple of our best Juniors have decided to play for Northumbria in the absence of a D&C County Team. If this isn't Jonny's role, then is it owned by someone else? Is Jonny's remit within Yarm only, or the County as well?

Meeting closed at

**Next Meeting:**

Monday 13th May @ 7:00 pm

There is planning underway for a visit by South African Knights starting in December 2024. They will be including 2 female players in a group of 4 or 5 to be confirmed, they will be happy to take on male or female opponents.
Can we confirm again that we would like to host one of the matches, in early January '25 probably.

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Club of the year pro forma from 2019
Player of the year