D&C Monday 13th May Minutes 2024

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present:

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

Apologies for absence:

B Duke, J Buckton, G Watson.

Accept minutes of 25-03-24 as true

Proposer: D Geldart Seconder: J Rowsby

Matters Arising:

Safeguarding:

It is the responsibility of each club welfare officer to ensure coaches in their clubs are up to date with all the relevant qualifications to coach.

Treasurer's Report:

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**

An email (invoice) has been sent to Kevin Whitfield for his sponsorship money.

League Report:

For the 2024-5 season, the playing order for teams will be 5/3/1/4/2 from 5/4/3/2/1.

For the 2024-5 season, the Premier League will be absorbed into the other 3 leagues. Divisions 1 to 4 will be created with around 9 to 10 teams in each league depending on the number of teams entered.

Clubs to be contacted for information of on the number of teams they will be entering in the 2024-5 county leagues. **GS**

Tournaments:

No tournaments currently.

Funding update:

None available currently.

Juniors:

County Website:

Presentation evening information requires uploading. **DG**

Council Report:

There have been no meetings.

OB:

1. 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**

2. A taster session kit will be purchased for Darlington and a partial kit for Sedgefield. Ongoing **GW**
3. 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. **JB**
4. Competition plate winners will also receive trophies form next year.
5. 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. **ALL**
6. 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. **DG**
7. For the 2024/5 season, A suggested rule update for the county leagues is, home teams to email results to the League Secretary. **GW**
8. Criteria for Club of the year required. **ALL**
9. Future committee meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month.
10. South African Knights tour; Redcar have offered to be hosts. Accommodation will be provided by the county.
11. Free open nights around the clubs to bring in new members using club or county coaches. (4 sessions at price/2 plus a taster bag. County pay 50% court costs plus coach). Dunlop have offered to sponsor the event. Clubs to be informed.**GS**
12. A discussion took place on the number of "foreign players" allowed in each team. It was agreed there will be a maximum of 2 players with a minimum squash level of 5000 points. **GW to comment**
13. Yarm Ladies and Durham Uni ladies have enquired about the possibility of entering the men's leagues. There is no reason for them not to. Yarm Ladies would have to change their name for the men's leagues if they were to continue playing in the ladies league.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Next Meetings starting at 7:00pm:

10th June, 8th July, 12th August, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November, 9th December.

13th January, 10 February, 10th March, 14th April.

For July Meeting.

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.

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. Plus, CIO document.

For August Meeting.

Fix future dates for the presentation evening, competitions, AGM etc