D&C Tuesday 16th July Minutes 2024

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present:

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

Apologies for absence:

Tom McKay has informed the committee that due to other commitments; he will no longer be able to continue as a member of the committee. We would like to thank Tom for his time and input whilst being on the committee.

Accept minutes of 10-06-24 as true

Proposer: J Rowsby Seconder: G Watson.

Matters Arising:

An old Club of the year proforma form will be reviewed / updated and used as a template from now on to set out the criteria required for a club to become Club of the year at the end of the season. The committee will communicate via WhatsApp for this task.

Safeguarding:

Nothing currently.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer gave an update of accounts.

The county receives a rebate from England Squash for the number of members of clubs who have joined England Squash. For some reason, Nunthorpe registers no England squash members although they do. This may be due to the changeover to the new membership scheme. England squash to be contacted.

The accounts have been audited by Andy Goldsborough. A thank you has been sent to him for doing so.

League Report:

Aycliffe feel they will be unable to continue playing this coming season due to a reduction in available players. They have therefore asked to play for Sedgefield teams according to their Squash Levels.

Banatyne's have dropped their 2nd team and Glaxo will change their name to Barnard Castle.

Tournaments:

The D&C County Open will take place on 14th/15th September with ULTRALIGHT OUTDOOR GEAR providing sponsorship. It will be a PSA sponsored event. The closing date for entry is 31st August. Links to the event can be found on the county website.

Funding update:

Northumbrian Water to be contacted for a possible £650.00 grant.

Juniors:

The final Junior Challenge event for this season will be held at Nunthorpe Squash Club on Saturday 20th July. The challenge will begin again from September every month for eight 8 months. As this time, there will be leagues with points to be won in each league. At the end of the season, there will be prizes for the top ten points scorers.

This year's Junior County Closed will be a Bronze event. Dates to follow.

County Website:

Nothing currently.

Council Report:

Nothing currently.

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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. The county is looking to create a role 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. This will be a position on the county committee. **Ongoing**
3. 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. Up until a definite date for the changeover to individual membership, clubs are requested to continue paying the way they always have. **ALL**
4. On reviewing the costs associated with the County Closed and Masters competition entries this year, a review of payments to clubs for hosting them has been taken. The payment of £5.00 per match has been reduced for this season to £3.00 per match.
5. A discussion took place on the number of "foreign players" clubs will be allowed to field in their 1st division teams for the 2024-5 season. The proposal for the rules is; No more than four foreign players will be allowed to be nominated in any one team with, a maximum of two players allowed to play in a match at any one time. The second team nomination, if four foreign players are nominated, will start from the number eight position on the clubs nomination list.
6. 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. This will be a main agenda item for the August meeting. **ALL**
7. With the incorporation of Aycliffe into Sedgefield and, clubs informing the League secretary of their teams to be entered into the leagues, a first draft of divisions will be drawn up for comment.
8. A fee of £80.00 will be charged to clubs for entering teams in the county leagues. A box of squash ball will be provided free of charge as per last season.
9. The county is asking all clubs that use social media to promote themselves to tag in the county Facebook page.
10. Redcar squash club will be 50 years old in September. To mark the occasion, they will be holding a BLITZ competition. The price will be £15.00 per player including food and band or, £10.00 for a nonplayer including food and band. More information on teams etc can be found at https://wazygoose.com/redcar-squash-and-racketball-club

Meeting closed at 8:20pm

Next Meetings starting at 7:00pm:

12th August, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November, 9th December.

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