D&C Tuesday 22nd October Minutes 2024

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

After hearing of the sudden passing of Andy Millard (Nunthorpe), the county wish to send their condolences to his family.

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

Apologies for absence: J Rowsby.

Accept minutes of 09-09-24 as true: D Andrews, G Watson.

Matters Arising:

After reviewing last years end of season presentation evening, it was decided in principle to keep the same format this year.

Review current league rules / regulations constraining squash in the county bearing in mind the reducing number of players for the 2025 AGM. **ALL**

The county will investigate the possibility of entering an Inter Counties ladies team this year. **JB**

The committee is to be asked to suggest ideas / projects on what to spend county funds on for the 2025-26 season. **ALL**

Safeguarding:

Our safeguarding officer, Dina Andrews has been in contact with Sarah Ward, England Squash safeguarding officer. Sarah will forward any information we may not already have and, it will also be posted on the county website.

Treasurer's Report:

Unable to attend the meeting, the treasurer has forwarded up to date account information to the committee.

League Report:

Norton 1 were unable to field a team against Bedale. Bedale have been awarded 15 points and Norton -10 points.

Nunthorpe 3 requested a postponement of their game against Sedgefield due to the sudden passing of one of their players. This was accepted.

In the Yarm 3 v Norton 3 match, Yarm fielded a player who did not know he should have been ghosted out. Yarm were not notified of this fact. The committee reviewed the information and, agreed the result should stand on this occasion.

With Bannatyne 1 deciding to pull out of this years leagues, the divisions will require a re-balancing for the 2025-26 season. Therefore, at the end of this season, only one team will go down from division 1 to division 2, 2 teams will go up to division 1 and, 2up/2 down between divisions 2, 3 and 4.

Tournaments:

Update information and pictures of the county PSA open competition are on the county website.

Nunthorpe will be hosting the County Closed this year from 18th to 23rd November. The closing date will be Wednesday 13th. Entry will be £15.00 including a shirt through the county website.

Funding update:

No funding available currently.

Juniors:

The Junior County Closed will now be held later in the year.

Nunthorpe will be hosting a Junior County Coaching session on Sunday 17th November.

County Website:

Council Report:

The England Squash AGM will be held on 13th November 2024.

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. The committee has created a new role of County Development Officer which, also holds a position on the county committee. The role will include the setting up of criteria's/goals etc. J Buckton has been offered and, agreed to accept this new role.
3. The South African Knights will be touring again this year. They will be in our area on Wednesday 8th January. Redcar have offered to be hosts.
4. D Andrews informed the committee on 9th September of her resignation as a trustee. This was accepted. N Collins was added as a trustee in his capacity as Chairman on 24th September. The list of trustees is B Duke, N Collins, J Rowsby, G Smith and D Geldart.
5. England Squash have asked Yarm if they would host a Level 1 Participation Coach Award on 23rd January. Booking is through the ES website englandsquash.com/Courses. Clubs have been informed.

Meeting closed at 9:05pm

All meetings starting at 7:00pm:

2nd December, 20th January, 17th February, 17th March, 21st April.