D&C Monday 24th March Minutes 2025

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

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

Apologies for absence: D Geldart, J Buckton.

Accept minutes of 17-02-25 as true: J Rowsby, D Andrews.

Matters Arising:

Review current league rules / regulations constraining squash in the county bearing in mind the reducing number of players for the 2025 AGM. Out of this, it was decided;

1. Teams to remain 5 players in each.
2. Clarify the 2nd half of the season rule. Does not affect D&C players but, will for foreign players.
3. The ghosting rule to remain as is.

Safeguarding:

Sarah Ward of England Squash has been sent a reminder of coaches named for the county, many of whom are no longer involved and who have not held relevant certification for years to be removed. Awaiting a reply.

Some coaches are not keeping their coaching qualifications up to date. They will be given until the end of May to bring them up to date. This will be cascaded to coaches through the Safeguarding WhatsApp group.

Treasurer's Report:

An update of accounts has been sent to the committee prior to this meeting.

A Level1 coaching course payment still needs to be made.

N Collins still need to be added as a trustee on the Charities Commission website.

League Report:

There is only one fixture left to play, a postponed match from 28/1 between Yarm Ladies and Redcar Ladies.
Walkover points to be awarded tonight for
04/03 Sedgefield L1 v Redcar L1, Redcar conceded. The usual award would be 9 points in the Ladies division.
27/02 Durham Uni2 v Guisborough2, Guisborough conceded (no players). The usual award would be 15 points in the Men's divisions.
20/03 Sedgefield2 v Durham Uni2 Durham U conceded (no transport). Ditto

The only outstanding player membership now is for Ed Carter at Norton.
He has been asked many times to update his membership and failed to do it, so the single point he gained for Norton4 after his membership expired has been deducted.

Tournaments/Competitions:

Documents of what is required by clubs to host a competition to be generated and stored by the county. Ongoing.

The quarter finals onwards draw of the Boss league cup has been sent to clubs.

Sunderland 1 conceded to Bedale 1 in their cup competition.

Funding update:

Thanks to Jonny Buckton for applying for and winning a funding application grant for £2300 from England Squash. Awaiting information on what the county is allowed to spend the funds on.

Juniors:

Thanks to Nunthorpe for hosting a county coaching session on 23rd March.

The county is looking into the possibility of Easter/ summer holiday coaching camps. Ongoing.

County Website:

Previous county minutes to be updated.

Council Report:

There has not been a meeting.

OB:

1. Clubs have been notified of the Level 2 coaching course at Yarm SC on Sunday 17th August. They have also notified of the funding support available from the county.
2. The presentation evening will be held on Sunday 11th May at Norton. It will follow the same format as last year.
3. Clubs to be re-sent the Criteria for club of the year form. A closing date of 20th April has been set for replies.
4. The county AGM will be held on Tuesday 27th May at Norton. Clubs to be notified.
5. On the afternoon of the presentation evening, it was agreed to follow the same format as last year in that the county will arrange for an exhibition by invited squash players, then Q and A's later in the evening. A maximum of £1,000 inclusive of any expenses for the 2 squash players will be offered.

Meeting closed at 20.15pm

All meetings starting at 7:00pm:

24th April.