D&C Monday 24th April Meeting 2025

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

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

Apologies for absence: B Duke, J Buckton.

Accept minutes of 24-03-25 as true: J Rowsby, N Collins.

Matters Arising:

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. **Ongoing**.

Some coaches coaching qualifications are not up to date. They will be given until the end of May to do so. This has been cascaded to coaches through the Safeguarding WhatsApp group. **Ongoing**

Treasurer's Report:

An update of accounts was sent to committee members prior to this meeting.

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

League Report:

The league rules are to be overhauled ready for the start of the 2025-6 season. The reviewed rules will be sent to the committee with comments where required before the June meeting for discussion. **GW**

Tournaments/Competitions:

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

The League Cup final will be held at Norton over the weekend 26-27th April.

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. **JB**

Juniors:

The last Dunlop Challenge will be held this weekend 26-27th April at Redcar. The county is looking to run 8 to 9 events from September onwards.

County Website:

Previous county minutes to be updated.

Council Report:

There will be a meeting on 21st May.

OB:

1. The minimum age for juniors to play in senior leagues as set by England Squash is 14 years. The county will allow juniors of 13 years to play where there are exceptional circumstances (e.g. play junior county squash, Pathway and Aspire) with written approval from the parent and, the opposing team's approval.

2. Send out calling notice for the county AGM to be held on Tuesday 27th May @ 7:00pm.**GS**
3. Thanks to Jonny Buckton and BOX SQUASH ACADEMY for sponsoring the county presentation evening.
4. All future meeting starting in July will be on the 1st Monday of the month.
5. The £2,300 funding money from England Squash will be used to promote and engage ladies squash around clubs in the county.

Meeting closed at 8:25pm

All meetings starting at 7:00pm: