D&C Monday 1st September Meeting Minutes 2025

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present: G Smith, D Geldart, N Collins, J Rowsby, G Watson, D Andrews. The committee also welcomes Stephen Rowsby for the first time.

Apologies for absence: J Buckton.

Accept minutes of 7-07-25 as true: Proposer N Collins Seconder J Rowsby.

Matters Arising:

At this meeting, the league rules have been reviewed for the start of the 2025-6 season. The revised rules will be uploaded onto the county website and, clubs will be informed of the changes. **GW**

Safeguarding:

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. This has been cascaded to coaches through the Safeguarding WhatsApp group. **Update required**

Treasurer's Report:

A report of accounts was unavailable for this meeting. They will be forwarded to the committee in the next couple of days.

Team fees are coming in.

We have received a rebate from England Squash of £2871.00.

League Report:

Norton have added another team to the leagues.

To talk to John Geddy (Barnard Castle) regarding meeting one of their players in the carpark prior to a match due to safeguarding rules at Barnard Castle. **DG**

Tournaments/Competitions:

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

8 male and 3 female players have entered this year's Dunlop sponsored PSA County Open to date.

The County Closed will be held the week commencing the 17th November. The Masters will be held the week commencing the 19th January. Posters are to go out by 22nd September regarding the County Closed.

Contact Redcar to host the County Closed and Sedgefield to host the Masters **DG**

To check how the Masters would work at a two court club if the number of entries were the same as in 2024. **DG**

To check on the income for Sedgefield **JR**

The League Cup semi-finals will be held on the 29th March, with the finals on the 19th April.

Brian Beeson to be congratulated on his success for winning the European Masters

Kevin Whitfield and Boss Events have kindly agreed to sponsor the DCSRA and League Cup again.

Reply to Dave Jackson regarding playing in the county closed and subsequent availability as a D&C Team player. NC

Consider award a 10 point fine if a club doesn't give a week's notice to cancel a fixture in the League Cup (GW)

Funding update:

Update on Jonny Buckton setting up a social media campaign to promote ladies' squash throughout the county.

Juniors:

Clubs have been informed of the dates and host clubs for this seasons Dunlop Challenge.

Clubs have been notified of the coming Junior County Closed over 13/14 September to be held at Norton. **DG**

County Website:

Previous county minutes to be updated.

Council Report:

No report

OB:

1. Thank BOSS Events for the league cup sponsorship. A thank you letter to be sent to the sponsor. **GS**
2. A calendar has been created itemising all the team and league cup games, competitions and sent to clubs.
3. The replacement club team scoring tablets have been purchased. After being uploaded with the scoring software, they will be sent to clubs. **DG**
4. First aid stations for clubs. **JB**
5. A county Instagram account is to be set up. **SR**
6. We have been contacted by Northumbria for our thoughts on a 1st Division Cup competition. It would consist of premier teams from each county, 16 team draw knockout competition. If possible, also to include the ladies. Regarding the Northumbria Cup competition. To circulate an email to 1st team captains, with a deadline of 2 weeks to reply. **GW**
7. The committee is to supply each club with a Wellsprings Property headed list of their home fixtures for displaying on their notice boards. **DG**
8. With England Squash replacing the squash coaching levels to a new format, information is required as to what the new format will take etc. **JB**
9. Update on the replacement coaching qualifications required. **JB**

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm

All meetings starting at 7:00pm:

6th October / 3rd November / 1st December.