D&C Monday 6th October Meeting Minutes 2025

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present: J Rowsby, D Andrews, N Collins, S Rowsby, G Smith, B Duke (part).

Apologies for absence: J Buckton, G Watson.

Accept minutes of 1-09-25 as true: Proposer Seconder.

Matters Arising:

The league rules have been completed for the start of the 2025-6 season.

The minimum age for a junior to play in the men's leagues has been set at 14 years. League rules to be updated to show this. **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**

An email has been sent to clubs informing them that any coach in their club who does not have up to date qualifications, they must have a fully qualified coach with them while they are coaching.

Treasurer's Report:

Information sent to the committee prior to this meeting.

All team fees have now been paid.

Kevin Whitfield (Wellsprings Properties), will pay his sponsors invoice by March 2026.

League Report:

The leagues have now started.

On notifying the committee, a player, on returning from an injury, will be allowed to play lower down than their nominated position. After a couple of games, it will be reviewed.

Tournaments/Competitions:

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

The first round of League Cup has been played. The handicapping will be reviewed at the end of the season.

Information on this year's County Closed is on the county website.

Sedgefield will host the Masters Competition. The finals will be held over two nights.

The County Closed will be held a t Redcar.

Funding update:

NC to contact JB on where we are with the promoting of ladies' squash throughout the county.

Redcar are looking for help with funding for coaching in schools/clubs. They will come back to the committee with further information. **BD**

Juniors:

The County Closed was well attended.

Nunthorpe hosted a Dunlop Challenge event.

Yarm will host the next County coaching session at the end of the month.

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. The replacement club team scoring tablets have been clubs.
3. First aid stations have been distributed to clubs.
4. A county Instagram account has been set up. Thanks to Stephen Rowsby.
5. The suggested Northumbria/ D&C 1st Division Cup competition will most probably take place in the second half of the season. It will consist of the top 4 teams from each county taking part.
6. The committee is to supply each club with a Wellsprings Property headed list of their home fixtures for displaying on their notice boards. **DG**
7. 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**
8. Update on the replacement coaching qualifications required. **JB**
9. Honours board to be checked to see if it is up to date.

Meeting closed at 20:30

All meetings starting at 7:00pm:

24th November.