D&C Wednesday 7th January Minutes 2026

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

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

Apologies for absence: S Rowsby, J Buckton

Minutes of 24-11-25 needed items adding and were not accepted. Need updating and then to be agreed at Feb meeting. **GS**

Matters Arising:

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**.

DA to contact Northumbria to check their safeguarding policies. **DA. Action closed**

Some coaches coaching qualifications are still not up to date. This has been cascaded to coaches through the Safeguarding WhatsApp group. Coaches and clubs are to ensure qualifications are up to date. **Action closed**

Treasurer's Report:

Updated report sent to the committee prior to this meeting. Particular note on the deficits for the Northern Cup and PSA event. Discussion agreed that future PSA events ideally need a sponsor and that other counties need to pay their money for the Northern Cup. No further actions proposed.

League Report:

All league games are up to date.

A Bannatyne player was allowed to play below his Squash Levels position due to returning from injury. On reviewing his playing results, he will have to return to his original position. **GW Action closed**

At this time, there are no outstanding issues with players for the 2nd half of the season.

Tournaments/Competitions:

Redcar conceded their away game at Barnard Castle in the League Cup.

We are looking to running a Durham & Cleveland / Northumbria League Cup in March.

We will be entering an O65 men's Inter County team. **BD**

Norton will be hosts for the England Squash Seniors Competition.

Clubs have been reminded about the county Masters Competition.

Funding update:

No replies from clubs, other than Redcar, following the email sent out last month regarding Ladies funding.

Redcar have requested assistance to the sum of £400.00 for Ladies and £480.00 for juniors from the county. This will add to their own funding for coaching in schools/clubs in their area. They will be looking to run a 1hr/week course over 6 months. Written proposal required from Redcar (Action BD), and Redcar will be required to supply periodic updates to the committee.

Juniors:

DG commented that 18-20 juniors are attending coaching. There will be a possible 1–2-day camp at Easter – DG to look at getting James Willstrop or Nick Matthew to coach. **DG Action closed**

Liam Gutcher to be contacted re: the Northern Cup. **DG Complete**

County Website:

Previous county minutes to be updated.

Council Report:

All the coaching courses have been updated with England Squash pushing them.

It appears top level players are being given precedence over clubs.

Comms

- Primary club contact - Chairman (NC to contact all chairs) **NC**
- Coaching contact – club coaches (DG to heck coaches emails) **DG**

OB:

1. The committee noted that the new tablets have the Wellsprings Logo on the front page and no need to pursue the headed paper fixture lists – Action closed
2. The committee was given an update of the new England Squash coaching levels new format.
3. Honours board has been checked – Action closed

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

All meetings starting at 7:00pm:

Next meeting Wednesday 4th February