D&C Monday 10th June Minutes 2024

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present:

J Rowsby, G Smith, N Collins, D Geldart, G Watson, T McKay, J Buckton.

Apologies for absence:

D Andrews, B Duke.

Accept minutes of 13-05-24 as true

Proposer: J Rowsby Seconder: D Geldart

Matters Arising:

None.

Safeguarding:

Nothing currently.

Treasurer's Report:

An update of accounts was given by the treasurer.

League Report:

1. Clubs have been contacted for information of on the number of teams they will be entering in the 2024-5 county leagues.
2. The premier league is to be dissolved and the teams merged into the other leagues to form divisions 1 to 4 with around 9 to 10 teams per division.

Tournaments:

Nothing currently.

Funding update:

No funding available currently.

Juniors:

A report was supplied to the meeting.

County Website:

Presentation evening information requires uploading. **DG**

Council Report:

There have been no meetings.

OB:

1. With the county having its own Facebook page, we are looking into creating a county members page where members of DCSRA will be allowed to post articles etc on it. **Ongoing**
2. A taster session kit will be purchased for Darlington and a partial kit for Sedgefield. Ongoing **GW**
3. The county is looking to create a roll of County Development Officer. What the position entails including the setting up of criteria's/goals etc is still to be decided. Entrants for the position will be required to be nominated. This will be a committee position. **JB**

4. From the 2024/5 season onwards, squash players will be required to become individual members of England Squash. This could result in the rebates received by the county from them reducing. The county will look at the possible effects of this to county funding. Up until a definite date for the changeover to individual membership, clubs are requested to continue paying the way they always have.
5. On reviewing the costs associated with the County Closed and Masters competition entries this year, a review of payments to clubs for hosting them will be taken. **DG**
6. For the 2024/5 season, A suggested rule update for the county leagues is, home teams to email results to the League Secretary. **GW**
7. Criteria for Club of the year required. See attached sheet. **ALL**
8. A discussion took place on the number of "foreign players" clubs will be allowed to field for the 2024-5 season. No more than four will be allowed in the 1st team only with a maximum of two playing at any one time. The 1st team will also be allowed to have seven players nominated in it. The second team number 1 (where applicable) will start from the number eight position on the clubs nomination list. They will also require to have a minimum squash level of 5000 points. **GW to comment**
9. Durham Uni. Ladies asked if they could join the men's leagues. If they keep a ladies team in the ladies league then, there would have to change the name of the team for the men's leagues.
10. Can all committee members review the Policy Documents we already have on the county website. Are they up to date and, what others are required. plus, CIO document.
11. Update on the county D&C County Open.
12. League Rule 2e) If a player has not played in any of their team's first four games, they will be ghosted out until they have played. This has now been reduced to two.

Meeting closed at 20:40pm

Next Meetings starting at 7:00pm:

12th August, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November, 9th December.

13th January, 10 February, 10th March, 14th April.

For August Meeting.

Fix 2024-25 dates for the presentation evening, competitions, AGM etc

For September Meeting.

Number of teams for Inter Counties competitions.