D&C Monday 24th November Meeting Minutes 2025

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

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

Apologies for absence: J Buckton, B Duke.

Accept minutes of 6-10-25 as true: Proposer D Geldart Seconder S Rowsby.

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**.

Some coaches coaching qualifications are not up to date. This has been cascaded to coaches through the Safeguarding WhatsApp group. **Update required**

DA to enquire with Northumbria on their safeguarding policies. **DA**

Treasurer's Report:

The accounts have been audited and signed off.

League Report

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

Durham Uni to rearrange 3 matches

Tournaments/Competitions:

A document of what is required by clubs to host a competition has been generated.

It was agreed hold a county PSA event next year. We are looking to secure a sponsor. Revisit in June 26.

For next year's Ladies Handicap competition, a suggestion was to change scoring from from 11 to 15. Emma Allen to check with ladies. **JR**

There has been little to no feedback to the email sent for people interested in playing for any of the age groups in the coming inter counties competition. To date there is interest in a senior and MO65 teams.

Masters posters and information to be circulated

Funding update:

Clubs have been contacted to see if they would like to promote ladies' squash with funding from a grant. GS

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

Juniors:

Norton will host the next County coaching session this coming weekend.

Redcar will host the next Dunlop Challenge.

DG to talk to Liam Gutcher re outstanding payments for Northern Cup. **DG**

County Website:

Previous county minutes to be updated.

Council Report:

A meeting has been held. NC did not attend. BD to update at January meeting. **BD**

Communication

The committee noted that many items discussed then circulated to clubs did not reach the club members or intended people. To try and help this it was agreed that:

- Primary club contact - Chairman (NC to contact all chairs) **NC**
- League/teams contact – team captains
- Safeguarding contact – Welfare officer
- Coaching contact – club coaches (DG to heck coaches emails) **DG**

OB:

1. Glen Layfield has been contacted to thank him for his sponsorship of the Boss Events Handicap Cup.
2. The committee is to supply each club with a Wellsprings Property headed list of their home fixtures for displaying on their notice boards for second half of the season. **DG**
3. With England Squash replacing the squash coaching levels to a new format, information is required as to what the new format will take etc. **NC**
4. Honours board to be checked to see if it is up to date.
5. Redcar have been contacted to thank them for hosting this year's County Closed competition.
6. Due to clashes between county meetings and committee members playing team games on the same night, it has been decided to hold committee meetings during the league part of the season on a Wednesday and, a Monday for the rest of the season.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm

All meetings starting at 7:00pm:

Next meeting Wednesday 7th January 2026