D&C Monday 8th June Minutes 2026

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

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

Apologies for absence: None

It is sad to learn that Brian Duke has stepped down from this committee. He will be sorely missed for his commitment to the county, both as a committee member and organising/playing for the different Inter County age group teams.

Accept minutes of 27-04-26 as true Proposer J Rowsby, Seconder G Watson.

Matters Arising:

Primary club and coaching contact details to be updated.

Safeguarding:

Nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer sent an update of accounts to the committee prior to this meeting.

League Report:

A discussion took place regarding Durham Uni. fixtures this season. This to be discussed at the start of the next season.

Tournaments/Competitions:

The county will not be running a PSA event this year. If anyone knows of a possible sponsor for 2027, please contact a member of the county committee. It will be continually reviewed.

Funding update:

Awaiting an update from Redcar on their recent funding request. **NC & S Mawson**

Sedgefield have requested and been agreed funding for Ladies Introduction to Squash. Conformation is required the course has been course has taken place.

Juniors:

Junior U11 and U13 teams travelled to Manchester to play in the Northern Cup competition. Unfortunately, the U13 team lost every game. The U11 team came runners up in their age group. Every game was very close.

County Website:

Previous county minutes updated.

Council Report:

A meeting is to be held later on in this month. NC will attend.

OB:

1. We will be looking to set up a shared drive for committee information/ documents etc**. GW**
2. The African Knights will be visiting our area of the country on Thursday 7th January. Darlington have shown interest in being hosts. Awaiting confirmation.
3. Refer Lee Hardy request via Geoff Watson (email 31-5-26) for equipment for Darlington. **NC**

4. Refer email suggestions sent from Louise below.
5. Decide increase in club payments to the county for team squash. **For July Meeting**
6. J Buckton to be contacted regarding county purchased kit bags and Go-Pro. **NC**
7. The county is looking to purchase a rebound wall and safety glasses. **NC**
8. The county should be getting a reimbursement from England Squash in August.
9. Review the handicapping of the League Cup for next season. **DG**
10. The format for Club of the Year is to be reviewed. The first draft is to be ready for the August meeting and sent out to clubs for review in September.
11. AGM meetings: - it was agreed from now on all reports will be sent out to clubs a week prior to the AGM.

Meeting closed 8:10pm

All meetings start at 7:00pm:

Next meeting Monday 6th July

Following meetings: 3rd August, 7th September

From Louise Mazzetti for comment.

- Club of the year - can put a suggestion forward that the shortlist (decided by the committee) is sent to all clubs for them to vote who they believe should win. One vote per club. No one would know the result until the evening (apart from committee obviously). I think that approach would be well received by all clubs. **DC & SR for August meeting.**
- Where possible provide a calendar of events at the start of the season. Give everyone plenty of notice to get involved. **DG**
- Look at sending a survey monkey to find out people's thoughts on why they don't enter events like Masters/County Closed. Ask for feedback within this on what would promote participation. **NC to ask L Mazzetti**
- AGM notes - it isn't long enough to give people 5 mins to look at documents and ask questions. Data is my job and I can't take in a balance sheet in 5 mins and ask meaningful questions. Tom McKay's proposal to send prior to the meeting isn't a bad one. Even if it only goes to the 'confirmed' attendees. Let's promote conversation not restrict it. **Weeks notice?**