D&C Monday 3rd August Minutes 2026

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present: N Collins, D Geldart, G Watson, D Collins, G Smith

Apologies for absence: D Andrews, J Rowsby, S Rowsby.

Accept minutes of 06-07-26 as true Proposer D Geldart Seconder N Collins.

Matters Arising:

Coaching contact details to be checked for the start of the season. **DG for September**

Safeguarding:

Update received, no issues.

Treasurer's Report:

Team fee invoices have been sent out with a deadline of 3rd August for changing the number of teams from last year. 17th August for payment. Sedgefield, Bedale, Sunderland, Darlington, Guisborough and Nunthorpe have paid and have the same number of teams.
Durham Uni have been contacted via their Uni email address.

The county received £2153:25 rebate from ES. This is 75% of the original rebate prior to the new membership system.

Awaiting an invoice from Norton Catering for the Presentation Evening. **NC**

League Report:

DG presented a draft version of all the league fixtures. It was agreed that the league rules would be sent out with the fixtures highlighting any key principles and/or updates. This will include the protocol to inform the committee if matches, for whatever reason are not played on their scheduled dates.

Hartlepool SC have decided to fold due to a lack of players.

Tournaments/Competitions:

DG confirmed 30 teams in the League Cup. Norton and Sedgefield will get a bye as the finalists last year. The other first division teams will be seeded and the rest of the teams will be place randomly drawn out of a hat. First round losers will go in to the Challenge Cup. Both competitions will be a knockout basis with the final being played prior to the presentation evening.

The ladies League Cup fixture will be a round robin.

NC reported that David Breakey from Northumbria had a proposal for a North East Cup between teams from Northumberland and D&C. **Action NC to talk to David Breakey to get more detail funding update**

Funding update:

NC has contacted Redcar regarding the recent funding supplied. They intend to return all monies whist they look at future plans.

Juniors:

The county will be looking to plan junior coaching and other coaches for the coming season. **DG**

County Website:

Previous county minutes updated.

Committee photo's to be updated. D Collins and S Rowsby to be added. **DC & SR**

Council Report:

A meeting was held this month. Awaiting minutes of the meeting.

OB:

1. DG in with talks with Tees Active and Enablement – working with governing bodies. Tees Active run safeguarding free. Need to check if squash will allow.
2. The county will be looking into 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. L Mazzetti has been contacted and agreed to do so.
3. The number of trustees as required by the county constitution to be checked. **JR**
4. DC presented a draft Club of the Year scoring criteria as prepared by himself and SR. Some comments made and these will be finalised for September so they can be sent out around clubs to inform them of the system.
5. A review of the England Squash rebate and team fees (income) to be taken. – **December meeting**

Meeting closed 7:45pm

All meetings start at 7:00pm:

All meetings from now on will move from a Monday to a Wednesday until the end of the season.

Next meeting Wednesday 2nd September

Following meetings; 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December.