

**Minutes Sussex Squash and Racketball Committee Meeting held at the Weald SC on
Tuesday 15th March 2011 at 7.30PM**

Attendees

Chris Markham(CM), Paul Millman (PM) Chair, Karl Manning (KM) Fiona Western(FW), John Millard (JM) and Simon Tunley (ST)

Apologise

Mick Sheeran (MS) Mike Tonge (MT) Paul Fennell ESR (PF) and Ian Robinson (IR)

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<p>1. <u>Matters Arising from minutes of last meeting 7th December 2011</u></p> <p>ST confirmed that Ben Hutton was happy to run both the county closed events and would try and attend meetings when feasible. PM said the presentation with John Parr was a very enjoyable occasion and he really appreciated the recognition for his long standing work for the county. PM/CM stated that MT had been reimbursed for his work on the development side since Mike Harris's departure. PM to still set up a meeting with Active Sussex.</p>	PM
<p>2. <u>Website</u></p> <p>KM stated he still needed to contact Berkshire to establish their level of interest in our online system. KM asked the question about all players in the Sussex leagues having their England Squash and Racketball (ESR) membership number inputted by their name. KM stated it would help strengthen the ranking system if numbers were entered as it would mean even if players swapped clubs etc their ranking would remain consistent/reliable. It would also allow us to know that every player was a member of ESR and therefore insured to play in the leagues. Discussion was then had on the effectiveness of the present ESR to create membership numbers, activate them and upload member databases onto their new website system. ST confirmed he was still waiting to hear back from ESR on uploading University of Sussex Members. ST agreed to speak to PF on this aspect</p>	KM ST
<p>3. <u>Senior and Junior County Closed Events</u></p> <p>As stated above Ben Hutton is happy to run these events with support from the committee. It was agreed he would receive a fee for doing this.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Development Plans -Focus clubs.</u></p> <p>MT although absent from the meeting sent an email confirming the position of the funding bids that were submitted.Of the 7 bids so far agreed: Crowborough and Bluecoats have received their funding and projects are under way. Dunnings are in touch with John Millard who is currently arranging some Minisquash sessions in schools as their project; Chichester are about to access their funding; Bognor and Littlehampton - due to start about now but haven't asked for the funding yet as they are still finishing a project linked with Sports Unlimited. Lewes - haven't responded to recent email asking for an update on progress. MT will pursue 2 bids not yet agreed (submitted but more specific proposals requested) from Crawley and Middleton. Three recent reminders and offers of help to both have elicited no response. MT had a chat with John Millard and he has agreed to contact both to see if his ESR services would help. In total four clubs underway out of the possible nine that submitted bids.</p> <p>On the coaching forum feedback from MT was he wanted to see if the next one could tie in with the annual AGM which is usually in July. MT confirmed there were a number of action points still to tie up from the last forum, although he had hear</p>	MT JM/PF

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<p>back from Graham Stevenson (GS) on the potential option of a schools competition. GS implied there seemed to be limited interest however he would try and get something going for next season although the 3 cups previously used for this competition are missing. The committee thought holding the forum post the AGM made sense and happy for MT to action once date has been agreed.</p>	<p>MT</p>
<p>One action point from the last forum was to run a coaching workshop in the near future and the month of May was mentioned. There was a discussion over setting up and agreeing a date and cost. JM was happy to set up and would look for help from Graham Stevenson and Graeme Williams to run the day giving it a specific theme. ST agreed to speak to JM/MT to try and facilitate this.</p>	<p>ST</p>
<p>5. <u>Sportivate Funding</u></p>	
<p>CM attended the meeting outlining the details of Sportivate. CM confirmed it was lottery funded based around the 2012 legacy of getting more young people active as a result of the games. The emphasis of the funding was on converting people aged between 14-25 who already have an interest in sport to play it more regularly. The idea was to set up 6-8 weeks coaching sessions leading onto linking with clubs through the usual pathways. Sussex CSP had around £150/160K available to bid for. CM stated applications were better placed to come from a group such as a county association or NGB on behalf of say local clubs. Funding could cover coaching and equipment (only 25% of any bid).</p>	
<p>The committee agreed to do it as a collective for clubs in Sussex. Option to put together a programme of courses with clubs could buy into for example. We are keen to work with the clubs that have already shown commitment for our own development plan. CM confirmed they are still finalizing the literature. ST agreed to email Sadie Mason to discuss the opportunity of an SSR bid and also if they could support us in writing it on our behalf.</p>	<p>ST</p>
<p>6. <u>Treasurers Report</u></p>	
<p>CM reported on the overall state of the County's finances. He confirmed that accounts were in line with the budget predictions. CM raised the issue of expenses for county teams especially those for the racketball squad which came in over budget! The committee had concerns that racketball was still in its infancy and therefore should not be costing the county so much. It was agreed that squash had a priority over racketball therefore the budget in future will reflex this and be set by CM accordingly. Team managers will be expected to pick their team based on the budget provided.</p>	
<p>There was a discussion over the junior accounts and the recent information sent out by Vanessa. The committee did have trouble understanding the layout and there were a number of queries on the expenditure items and the fact not all the income was being shown, which makes it harder to make decisions when requests are made for additional funding. However it was agreed that CM would confirm with MT to support the county teams at the upcoming national finals weekend.</p>	<p>CM</p>
<p>7. <u>Leagues inc Juniors</u></p>	
<p>CM stated all was going ok with the leagues apart from a number of clubs abusing the ghost player rule and their rankings. CM and committee agreed that we should make clubs play in rank order and not let them swap strings around which at present you can do. There was a discussion on players moving up the rankings too quickly without a justified reason. It was agreed a discussion was needed on this prior to the fixture meeting to agree any changes of rules in regards ranking/ghost rule. CM/KM</p>	

Karl

1. To Speak to Berkshire about possible purchasing of our online league system
2. Liaise with CM on updating rules and any changes

Mike Tonge

1. To chase up Crawley/ Lewes and Middleton on their funding bids
2. To purchase a racketball league trophy.
3. To liaise with ST/JM about coaching workshop. Date/time and theme
4. Finalise the next coaching forum in line with the AGM in July?

Paul Millman

1. PM to liaise with ST with a view to setting up a meeting with Sussex CSP (Active Sussex).

Chris Markham

1. To check rules on website and prepare thoughts for next meeting in regards the ranking and ghost rules.
2. To confirm funds with MT for the junior county teams at the national finals.

Fiona Western

1. To try and help find a captain for the ladies 040 county team

John Millard/Paul Fennell

1. Look at supporting Crawley, Lewes and Middleton on revitalising their bids for funding