

**Minutes Sussex Squash and Racketball AGM held at the Triangle Leisure Centre,
Burgess Hill on Thursday 11th July 2013 at 7.30pm**

Attendees

Paul Millman (Chair), Simon Tunley (Sec. University of Sussex), Fiona Western (Ladies Fixture Secretary) Chris Markham (Mens Fixture Secretary/Treasurer), Mick Sheeran (Junior Fixture Secretary), Karl Manning (Web Manager), Kirstie Thompson (ESR) Andy Norris and Heather Roberts (EG), James Norman (Horsham), Andrew Eade (Burgess Hill), P Fairminer (Midhurst), D Usher and Christian Brown (Midhurst), Stuart North and Giles Cowdell (Dunnings SC), Mick Greenway (Lancing), Tony Fiveash (Bluecoats Horsham), Peter Dawson and Jon Tucker (Bluecoats Horsham), Alistair Gourlay (Brighton SC), Aaron Parkins and Mike Farell (David Lloyd), Phil Ransley (David Lloyd), John Shedher and M Bannister (Lewes), David Snelson (West Area Rep), Mike Phillips (Chichester SC), Trevor Morgan (Weald), Mike Tonge (Crowborough), Jason Martin (Brighton Rackets), Colin Clarkson (Corals), Mike Van Der Weyden (Storrington), Andrew Watts, Scott Williams and Gerry Gatford (Crawley), Sarah Naish (Weald), Neil Munnery (Burgess Hill), Patrick Hodson (Bognor), Richard Laine (Arun), Glynn Green, James Harvey and Chris Bladen (West Worthing)

Apologise

Paul Fennell ESR (PF), Camron Malik (Development Officer), Mike Tonge (MT), Graham Stevenson (County Coach), Ashley Squires (Littlehampton), Bill Jefferies (Lewes), Jack Lerwill (West Representative) and Trevor Morgan (Weald)

	Action
<p>1. <u>Matters Arising from previous minutes of last meeting 12th July 2012</u></p> <p>Minutes accepted.</p> <p>2. <u>Finances</u></p> <p>CM discussed the county's finances which overall are still healthy, however this year the junior account has made a loss of £4.5k, which although can be covered by reserves for now; this cannot be the case year on year so there is a need to ensure the juniors account are sustainable. PM asked the question about sponsorship and mentioned the fact the county had put in a Sportivate bid for around £8k for junior development which Camron Malik is leading on. MT mentioned he was keen that more focus was given to the 10-11yr old bracket linking with schools as feels this age group are more likely to stay in the sport. Crawley confirmed there had been some good links made with local schools and ST confirmed John Millard had recently been into Balfour Juniors in Brighton.</p> <p>3. <u>Development Update</u></p> <p>ST confirmed the Takepart event and road show were both reasonably successful and brought a lot of visibility to the game from around Brighton. The takepart event was very busy with lots of kids and adults having a go and being intrigued by the blow up court. Unfortunately we did not get as many contacts as we had hoped.</p> <p>The road show was a great day of squash and provided a much needed boost to Brighton Squash Club in regards attracting new members. Sadly we did not get as many new faces as hoped but it was a great showcase for squash. Following the road show Brighton SC has been running some taster sessions for juniors which is hoped will become permanent. Feedback from the meeting however did suggest the road show was not as well advertised as first thought as a number of clubs were not aware of it. It was agreed we needed to look at ways of improving our communication channels.</p> <p>KM agreed to sent an update link to all emails when a new post was made on the</p>	<p>KM</p>

<p>website</p> <p>4. <u>Men's, Ladies and Junior Leagues</u></p> <p>Successful season in all leagues. Ladies next season looking to split back into two divisions with the addition of some new teams which is a real bonus. Racketball league looking for more clubs to take part. At present there is a winter league in the east and a summer league in the west would be good to rationalise this; it was agreed that for next season the racketball should play PAR 11 scoring to mirror the game nationally. MT and CM to finalise whose playing in which league</p> <p>Men's league winners were: Crawley two 5E, West Worthing four 4W; David Lloyd 2 4E; Storrington one 3W; Corals six 3E; Midhurst one 2W; Cunnings Mill one 2E; West Worthing one division 1 and Corals one premier league.</p> <p>Ladies league winners were: West Worthing 1. The KO cup was won by Chichester 1 and the plate by Corals 1.</p> <p>Racketball league was won by West Worthing and runners up were Crawley</p>	<p>MT/CM</p>
<p>Junior leagues went well. Mick confirmed trophies had been given out to the winners at the junior AGM and the minutes are in Appendix A. Mick also confirmed there would be no re-arranged match dates allowed next season and would be looking to phase in ESR numbers over the season.</p> <p>PM thanked Fiona, Chris and Mick for their hard work over the season.</p> <p>5. <u>Election of Committee for 2013/14</u></p> <p>Those nominated were re-elected. We are keen to try and recruit volunteers from the East of the region as it this area where there is limited activity squash wise.</p> <p>6. <u>Rule Changes in Leagues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change to string swapping rule • Seven days to enter result online • No ESR number then player seen as an illegible player • Seven day rule to rank a player and get an ESR number • Match cards must be completed for back up <p>7. <u>ESR Feedback</u></p> <p>Kirstie Thompson discussed the BIG Hit with the meeting. The plan is that ESR are particularly targeting Brighton and Hove looking at certain clubs. They have been selected to deliver on a number of opportunities under the headings "Try it, Play it and Court Challenge as well as Squashercise to get more ladies/girls playing." The clubs earmarked at present are Brighton SC, University of Sussex, Portslade leisure centre, Stanley Deason, Brighton Rackets and Corals; it is hoped that we can increase the numbers taking part in the game in all these areas with the support of Freedom Leisure, Active Sussex and Brighton and Hove Council. It is still early days but a number of meeting have been arranged to try and push the initiative forward.</p> <p>8. <u>County Closed</u></p> <p>KM discussed options on improving the county closed, a suggestion was made about making it more regional and improving the communication through clubs to get more players entering. Peter Higgins was crowned champion for 12/13 and a trophy was given to West Worthing to give to him.</p>	

9. AOB

Pm mentioned the county teams and those who had captained/managed them over the season. Results are on the website for the 2012/13 season.

Giles Cowdell raised the question over going to PAR11 in all leagues as this what the juniors were now playing. There was a general discussion on the length of matches if there were changes. Overall it was agreed that it should be introduced gradually and therefore CM agreed to email all division 1 clubs to see if they would be prepared to play Par 11 next season. PM keen that clubs continue to discuss this change internally and feedback to the committee in the future.

CM

CM mentioned there is a plan to organize a practical marking course which would be workshop based and would keep all clubs in the loop.

CM

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Summary of Action points from meeting

Karl

1. To finalise the county closed format
2. To set up being able to send out emails when new links are posted on the website

Chris Markham

1. To help finalise Racketball League
2. Email all division 1 clubs about PAR11 scoring

Junior AGM:-Brighton Squash Club Saturday 29th June 2013

Present

Mick Sheeran (Junior League Organiser)
Andy Watts (Crawley)
Paul Sanders (Crawley)
Giles Cowdell (Dunnings)
Nic Davies (Lewes)
Camron Malik (Cophthorne plus Sussex SRA Development Officer)

1. Review Of Season.

Mick thanked all Junior Reps and parents for commitment to Sussex Junior Squash as without them there would be no Junior leagues in Sussex.
A big thank you to Nic Davies and Bill Jeffries at Lewes for keeping the Juniors on track after the loss of coach Ryan Whitely half way during the season.
A number of Juniors have now moved up to play Adult team squash which is great as it shows they are developing in to high calibre players, though this did mean a slight reduction in the number of junior teams last season.
A key challenge this season was once again the headache of agreeing new dates when matches needed to be re-arranged.
Which lead the meeting in to item 2.

2. Fixed Date Matches or Re-Arranged Matches.

A strong debate was had by all re the merits of adopting the Adult team structure of fixed dates or to continue with current structure of allowing the Juniors to re-arrange matches during the season.
The agreement of the meeting was for next season to trial the adult structure of fixed match dates.
This now leads to some keys items and dates to be fed in to the fixture generation:-

NO GO DATES - All Junior Reps to provide Mick Sheeran with 'NO GO Dates', the dates they want as NON MATCH days
This will require a bit of research and homework with your squads to check on holidays and other sporting event clashes etc.

31st July - Confirm number of Team Entries and NO Go Dates to be emailed to Mick Sheeran.

18th August - Draft Fixtures published on LMS website.

Now a 2 week period were Junior Reps review draft fixtures and for any 'Bad Dates' contact their opponents and agree a new date. Please email Mick Sheeran the new fixture details.

1st September - Final Fixtures published and no further rearrangements.

Junior matches will continue to be scheduled on a Saturday with the option to play on the following day i.e the Sunday.

3. Triangular Matches.

All agreed Triangular matches work well in div 5 (U13) and Div 6 (U11) and want to continue with this format in these 2 divisions.

4. Confirmation of Teams for 2013-2014

Lewes 2 Teams (which is one additional team)
Crawley 3 Teams (which is one additional team)

All other Clubs are currently evaluating their numbers for next season.
n.b Please note above date of 31st July.

5. Team Registration Fees.

Fees will remain at £20 per team.

6. Promotion/Relegation.

Lewes have recently had a couple of strong juniors join the club and it was agreed that their 1st team would now be best suited playing in Div 1.

7. AOB

Camron Malik (Development Officer) asked can we all take every opportunity to promote Junior Team Squash when talking to other Club members that currently don't enter junior teams.

8. Trophy Presentations

Div 1 Winners = Copthorne Juniors 1	received by Camron Malik
Div 2 Winners = Corals Juniors 1	received by Mick Sheeran
Div 3 Winners = Corals Juniors 2	received by Mick Sheeran
Div 4 Winners = Chichester Juniors 1	received by Zoe Shadlow (Chichester Coach)
Div 5 Winners = Dunnings Juniors 3	received by Jake Sheeran
Div 6 Winners = Dunnings Juniors 3	received by Jake Sheeran