

Minutes Sussex Squash and Racketball Committee Meeting Weald SC Tuesday 5th May 2015 at 7.30PM

Attendees

Paul Millman (PM) Chair, Simon Tunley (ST), Chris Markham(CM), Camron Malik (CRM), Karl Manning (KM) and Nic Davies (ND)

Apologise

Graham Stevenson (GS), Karl Manning (KM), Jade Weston (JW), Dave Snelson (DS) and Mick Sheeran (MS),

	Action
<p>1. <u>Matters Arising from minutes of last meeting 3rd March 2015</u></p> <p>KM to follow up on contact details for the LMS before season starts again; KM to link up with squash levels and KM to follow up with Adrian Standivan in regards integrating the Eastbourne leagues into the LMS.</p>	KM
<p>2. <u>Website and Data Capture</u></p> <p>Karl stated the second quarter for data capture was coming up for the key clubs to review and update their data. KM to contact the clubs end of May.</p> <p>ND and CRM to chase up the seventeen clubs to confirm contact details and try and ensure they have at least two; this will help ensure the data is entered when requested. CM and KM to send present list of names on the LMS to ND and CRM.</p> <p>There was a discussion on trying to highlight the good news from the development work being done, through trying to show some good news stories as a result of the data capture. KM suggested that Chris Vine might have a contact that could help crunch the stats from the clubs</p>	ND/CRM CM/KM
<p>3. <u>Development Work</u></p> <p>CRM reviewed his last two years in post see appendix 1 for his report.</p> <p>On present development work CRM confirmed they are looking at satellite clubs (see club list below) in the west and east of Sussex and central Sussex with a coach linked to each area. At present John Millard is down to cover the West, Nic Davies central and Jason Barry the east. The aim is to for the coach to manage and support their local clubs in their area and help the local coaches to deliver programmes.</p> <p>CRM confirmed that Jason Barry looking at working with East Grinstead and Crowborough but seems to be struggling to find work and is having to work between the borders of Kent and Sussex.</p> <p>ND provided an update on his work at Weald where there is movement on the development front although there has been no real input from the club or interest in the junior side of things. He also confirmed there are still difficulties with Brighton SC who are trying to formalise a racket membership with Freedom Leisure and he was meeting with the club again on the 6th May to try and move this forward. PM confirmed there are discussions with LA Fitness about seeing if the club could be have a change of ownership to try and ensure sustainability as</p>	

at present numbers are dwindling. CRM confirmed that Elphinstone are looking to integrate into the Sussex leagues; Cooden seem to have gone quiet and are showing no interest in developing their squash offer; Bognor are struggling to work with their coach; Uckfield is working really well and Zoe Shardlow is looking to work with Middleton.

PM confirmed that Chris Vine is now six month into post and will be producing a report to feedback to ESR; he is looking to continue remit but needs further funding. PM confirmed that from June there will be £155k available from ESR which the south east region could bid for to continue the joined up work already started.

Clubs Focusing on:

Bluecoat Sports Horsham
Brighton
Chichester R and FC
Crawley Squash Club
Crowborough
David Lloyd
Dolphin
LA Fitness Gatwick
Dunnings S and RC
East Grinstead
Littlehampton
University Squash
Weald
Corals
Lewes
Uckfield
Cooden
Bognor

4. Sussex Levy

Discussion on a levy for Sussex clubs to help support the development work going forward and the potential options for the right approach. CM suggested a £5 a head per player who are members of Sussex clubs on the back of a business plan and presentation at the upcoming AGM. PM agreed to draft a letter to send out to all squash club members and players prior to the AGM looking at a potential fee of between £2 and £5.

PM

5. Treasurer Report

CM confirmed accounts on track to achieve budgeted targets. The loss for 2014/15 will be around £3.5k which would leave us with a surplus of around £8k. CM confirmed we are still waiting for some affiliation fees from ESR and junior squad fees. As mentioned previously we cannot sustain the present costs going forward without looking at other income options. It was agreed we do need to show a clear picture of how reserves have reduced over the last two years.

6. Leagues

JW provided an update via email of Ladies Squash as follows:

<p>League – 1 outstanding match to be loaded (Corals 2 vs Chichester) but won't affect the overall winners League 1 Winners - Corals League 2 Winners - Crawley</p> <p>Cup – played on the 18th April at Corals. Cup Winners – Corals Plate Winners – Dunnings (by default as Chichester pulled out last minute) their team. The planned cup event was on track to happen again in April.</p> <p>MS could not attend the meeting however he emailed stating the key thing to report from the Junior Leagues this season, is that trying to have fixed match dates with no re-arranging does just not work. He confirmed that everyone started off with good intentions but very quickly one by one each team needed to ask to re-arrange a match date due to the busy lives of children and illness.</p> <p>He stated ESR membership has proved slightly troublesome for a couple of clubs whose players registered with ESR individually as this does not feed automatically in to LMS. (Uckfield LC do not affiliate as a club)</p> <p>Also had one two individuals entering fictitious results into LMS which caused a few arguments. Other than that the Juniors have run smoothly this season !</p> <p>CM stated men's league finished ok although two results still to be entered. He confirmed that Crowborough 2 had been relegated for not fulfilling three of their fixtures. CM confirmed he had sent out an email in regards the summer racketball league which is planned to run again this summer.</p> <p>Discussion was had on setting up a vets league, however there were concerns that it could dilute the standard league. PM confirmed the focus would be more on those older players who had stopped playing rather than those still able to play in the main leagues. It was agreed to see if there was an appetite for such a league and ask the question at the AGM with the potential to start a league post-Christmas.</p>	
<p>7. <u>County Closed Event/Regional Racketball</u></p> <p>PM had concerns on this event and how it was being run especially from the aspect of the finances etc. ND agreed to follow up with Pete Higgins and clarify the details and finances. No updates on the regional racketball which West Worthing are hosting.</p>	ND
<p>8. <u>County Team Results</u></p> <p>ST confirmed that the senior men's team were national county champions which was a real positive especially as we are also racketball champions as well. There was a discussion on budgets and the funding of county teams especially in light of the funding needed to support the development aspects of the county. CM agreed to review for next season although racketball budget had been halved.</p>	CM
<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Date of next meeting 30th June 2015 7.30pm at the Weald. ST to book Annual fixture meeting 2nd July 2015 and AGM 30th July 2015 both at the Triangle 7pm. CM to confirm venue and book</p>	ST CM

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Summary of Action points

Simon (ST)

1. To book next meeting
2. Add Sussex levy/vets squash and league structure to 2015 AGM agenda

Karl (KM)

1. To request clubs to update their contact details for their clubs on the LMS with CM
2. To Contact Adrian on integrating the Eastbourne leagues onto the LMIS
3. Feedback on linking up with Squash Levels endorsed by ESR
4. Send list of present contacts on LMS to CRM/ND

Camron Malik (CRM)

1. Continue working with development group focusing on target clubs
2. To ensure contact details for target clubs are accessible on LMS

Paul Millman (PM)

1. PM to draft letter regarding the proposed Sussex levey
2. To lead/facilitate the development groups work

Chris Markham (CM)

1. To request clubs to update their contact details for their clubs on the LMS with KM and send to CRM/ND
2. To look at county team budgets for next season
3. To look at confirming the Triangle for the fixture and AGM and booking

Nic Davies (ND)

1. To speak to Pete Higgins on the county closed
2. To ensure contact details are correct for the target clubs with CRM
3. Continue working with development group

Appendix 1

Sussex Squash Development Report 5th May 2015

Schools Links

Thomas Bennett, Hazelwick, Cottesmore and Crawley Primary Sch.
Burgess Hill Girls, Southover, Waylands and Ringmere
Brambletye various others near Elphinstone Club and Uckfield
Nyewood, Rose Green, Regis Community College and Steyning Grammar
Bedes School

Prep Schools

Prep Schools Competition

Spoke to: Lancing Prep, Lancing College, St Christophers,
Sompting Abbots, Westbourne House
Brambletye School (Forest Row) friendly played & link to
Dunnings SRC and Copthorne

Squashersize

Coaches recruited and qualified 2 courses run at Sussex Uni:
John Millard, Simon Tunley, Nic Davies, Camron Malik, Glenn Brighty,
Simon Corby, Andy Watts, Stephen Holliday, Kit Pearman, Milli Fawsett,
Harriet Boyle, Unica Smith and Zoe Shardlow

Coaching

As you may be aware we have tried to recruit many level 1 coaches, however we do still not have enough we have a few people who have completed;

Level 1 Roy Moore, Peter Higgins, Ryan Johnson, Harriet Boyle, Lucy Walsh, Harvey Von-Biel, Rob Norman, Stuart Guest, Peter Romo, Chris O'Neil, Camron Malik, Jake Sheeran

Level 2 Dean Newberry, Nic Davies, Scott Williams and Stephen Holliday

Level 3 Steve Wykes & Zoe Shardlow

Take Part Preston Park

July 2013 we had a great presence unfortunately work went into 2014's day but we had to withdraw due to lack of coaching resource

Sportivate

1st bid delivered over 8 projects throughout the County achieving a 75% retention thus gaining full bid monies

Susequent bids, we as a county decided that the delivery criteria was too strict for us to deliver successfully

Leisure & School Links

Ongoing talks with Freedom Leisure head office (Richard) guided by (Paul Millman)

Horsham Schools (Ian Ford) Colliers, Tandridge, Millais, Forest and Farlington (John Millard & Rob Norman)

Brighton Schools 7 to 8 schools being approached by (Nic Davies)

Crawley Schools 8 Primary (Camron Malik)

Brighton & Hove Network Meetings

5 meetings then stopped all re hub club targeting from ESR

Development Officers Meetings

4/5 meetings between Sussex/Kent/Surrey and Regional Coach Phil Rushworth and Kirsty Thompson and Paul Fennel (made light of funding issues)

Sussex Squash Roadshow

Successfully delivered courtesy of Withdean on 29th June 2013

County Squads

Merged numbers improving many girls found but many more needed

Set up of U9's event (within Sussex County)

County Leagues

(Ladies) 1 division originally we instigated a change to a 3 lady team thus doubling the league to 2 leagues of 5 teams incorporating Bognor, Lewes, K2 Crawley

(Juniors) 5 divisions originally we now have 6 divisions with 4 new clubs Brighton, Crowborough, Uckfield and Sompting and extra teams from Lewes and Crawley K2

(Mens) Running well however we still need to recruit the Eastbourne District League to join our current set up talks have started with their co-ordinator

(O45's) New team installed last season

(O35's) National Champions

(Racketball) 1 division last season 2 this season

New Junior Sections

Bexhill (Kevin Higginson) 10-12

Bognor (Dave Meagher) 10-12

Brighton Withdean (Nic Davies & Simon Tunley) 12-16

Cooden (Ryan Johnson & Sid Austin) 8-10

Crowborough (Mike Tonge & Dean Newberry) 10-15

Elphinstone (Claire Larkin/Ryan Dyke) 8-10

Hawkhurst (Gary Marshall & Stuart Guest) 15-20

Horsham (Rob Norman) 8-10
Lewes (Nic Davies) 20 -25
Uckfield (Stephen Holliday) 25-30
Weald (Nic) 12
Nutley (Stephen Holliday) 15
K2 Crawley (Camron) 10

Sussex Hub Clubs

Chichester, Corals, Dunnings, K2 Crawley, Lewes, West Worthing
(The above hub clubs need no immediate action however have all been visited and are all functioning very well)

Satellite Hub Clubs

Bton Withdean, Bognor, Cooden, Crowborough, Horsham, Littlehampton, Middleton, Weald
(These clubs are currently trying to progress with either coaching Juniors & ladies Sq.

Uckfield

6 Leagues of 5 players (Adult Leagues) (ladies 6 to 10) Juniors (25-30) hoping for Nutley and Uckfield to affiliate with ESR

Sussex Coaches Workshop/Forum

20 Candidates (2 sections of Workshop)
1st Chris Vine (Coach Business plans etc..)
2nd Paul Carter (Alternative Coaching Techniques)

Sussex County Closed @ (West Worthing) (Peter Higgins) (13th-14th June)

Freedom Leisure Link Commitment

(Paul Milman and I established positive links with Richard Bagley

Eastbourne District League Integration

Camron made contact with Adrian Standivan and Paul followed through with integration

Juniors Recruited U11's (10 of 18)

GS (1st 2nd 9th) at Bluecoats Sunday 3rd May
National (2nd 9th 11th) at Nottingham 11th April

GDF Meeting (2 or 3)((Paul/Simon)

London Home Counties (B Event)

Fact Finding/Networking

(established links with clubs, coaches, committees, CSP, Regional Office, EDL, Players, other Counties and parents)