

**Minutes Sussex Squash and Racketball Committee Meeting Weald SC Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30PM**

**Attendees**

Paul Millman (PM) Chair, Simon Tunley (ST), Chris Markham(CM), Karl Manning (KM), Jade Weston (JW), Dave Snelson (DS), Nic Davies (ND) and Mick Sheeran (MS), and Nic Davies (ND)

**Apologise**

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. <u>Matters Arising from minutes of last meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015</u></b></p> <p>Minutes accepted no outstanding issues</p> <p><b>2. <u>Website and Data Capture</u></b></p> <p>Karl confirmed all was up to date in regards the website and data capture, looking to generate fixtures for next season post fixture meeting on the 2/7/2015</p> <p><b>3. <u>Development Work</u></b></p> <p>In CRM absence ND confirmed no real updates other than they are pushing to resolve the issues at Brighton SC involving membership and trying to increase participation. ND implied even after writing a paper to Freedom it has had limited feedback, although there are planned meetings between the club, Freedom and the council. ND confirmed work at both Lewes and Weald is going well. DS commented on CRM's paper from the last meeting and felt it was dated and the feedback on West Worthing was not accurate. ND confirmed he had been to speak to West Worthing and had presented a paper but as yet has had no feedback, following Steve Wykes departure.</p> <p><b>4. <u>Treasurer Report</u></b></p> <p>CM presented latest accounts which at present shows a £3,834 deficit on the main account which is greater than was budgeted for; a small deficit on the junior account of £150 as the squads are now starting to break even and benefited from sponsorship of £2000. Unfortunately the development account is showing a loss of £1,112 although lower than budgeted which is a positive.</p> <p>A discussion was had on finalising the budget for 2015/2016 however after much discussion this was unresolved. However the committee did feel a huge saving could be made on the subsidies made to the county teams to cover expenses. At present £3,600 is budgeted to support the teams and a suggestion was to pull this all together and teams fund themselves or we just support the men's and women's senior teams only or try and ascertain sponsorship for them. A follow up discussion will be needed to agree the way forward and for CM to finalise.</p> <p><b>5. <u>Leagues</u></b></p> <p>JW confirmed all going to plan for the ladies leagues for next season with the inclusion of a ladies team from Uckfield.</p> <p>CM confirmed the fixture meeting was planned for the 2/7/2015 and would then get a feel for the number of team entries for next season; he was still waiting to</p>	<p align="center"><b>CM</b></p>

hear from a couple of clubs in regards their entry. CM commented he had received feedback that the bottom leagues were still too strong for some newer players which is detracting teams from entering. A discussion was had on looking at creating perhaps a new development league for those players looking to progress from club night type squash to league squash. The committee agreed it was worth looking at and should be suggested at both the fixture meeting and the AGM.

CM confirmed the racketball league now had nine teams although there were originally twelve.

MS stated the junior leagues were having their AGM on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and from this should have an idea of team entries for next season; it is likely however to increase based on feedback so far. MS looking to encourage new clubs such as Cooden and Bexhill to enter.

Vets league were discussed again and it was agreed this needed to be go out for consultation to the clubs to see if there is any interest. PM/KM agreed to contact Surrey/Hampshire to find out how their vets leagues run and what the age bands are; there was a discussion over whether we needed an east, west and central league option if it runs.

**PM/KM**

#### **6. County Closed Event**

ND/DS commented that the event went ok and ran well on the day, there were two main draws of sixteen players for the A and B events plus also doubles. CRM and ND think for next season we should run a vets event in September/October and the main event in January. DS did reaffirm the event does need a sponsor and also would have struggled to run without commitment from West Worthing players.

#### **7. County Team Results**

ST confirmed that the senior men's team were national county champions which was a real positive especially as we are also racketball and 035 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.

#### **AOB**

Sussex Levy was discussed and the letter PM had drafted. It was agreed to be raised at the AGM on back of presentation on development work to see how money will be spent. Committee agreed a £5 fee for seniors and a £2.50 for juniors. PM to finalise letter for dissemination.

**PM**

PM raised the recent request by Graham Stevenson to be remunerated for the admin work he does for the county squads. PM/CM confirmed they had never made a commitment to pay GS any additional money as GS had eluded to. The Committee unanimously agreed GS is already paid for all the work he does at a respectable hourly rate compared to other coaches and the admin is a cost of sale. PM agreed to speak to GS on this

**PM**

ESR papers were forwarded to the committee to look at which showed the latest thinking in developing and promoting squash to the masses

Date of next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 7.30pm at the Weald. ST to book

Annual fixture meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 and AGM 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015 both 7.30pm at the Triangle 7pm.

See appendix 1 for Junior AGM minutes for 2014/15

### **Summary of Action points**

#### Simon (ST)

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

#### Karl (KM)

1. To contact Hampshire in regards their vets leagues and the details

#### 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. To lead/facilitate the development groups work
2. To speak to GS on admin fee request

#### 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 finalise 2015/16 budget

#### Nic Davies (ND)

1. Continue working with development group

## **Appendix 1**

### **Junior AGM 2015**

Attendees:-

Mick Sheeran - Junior League Organise  
Paul Sanders - Crawley Junior Rep  
Mike Phillips - Chichester Junior Rep  
Chris Cade - West Worthing Junior Rep  
Camron Malik - Crawley Junior Rep & Sussex Squash Development Officer

#### **1. Review of Season**

MS thanked the Junior Reps for all the efforts running their Junior teams during the season, without their commitment the leagues would just not happen.

MS raised concerns having to chase far too many LMS results this season and that the Walk Over count had

raised significantly compared to previous seasons.

#### **2. Results Recording LMS**

All the Junior Reps present said they found the LMS system can be too inflexible in certain areas.

e.g. If a club's first team has a result outstanding then their 2nd and 3rd teams were also locked out of entering results rather than just the 1st team.

MS will raise issue with LMS Administrator Karl Manning to see if the system can be amended to just lock out the one offending team.

Triangular matches need more emphasis within LMS on who is the home team as the same venue is used for 3 matches, MS to communicate.

#### **3. Match Date Re-Arranging.**

All the Junior Reps agreed that fixed date matches had not worked in the 2014-15 season and a return to allow re-arrangements for the coming season was required.

But did feel more effort should be made in declaring NO DATES and that the original rule of 2 weeks' notice to

re-arrange a match date should be obeyed.

#### **NO GO DATES**

First half of season - All teams to supply no go dates by **7th September 2015**

Second half of season - All teams to supply no go dates by **31st December 2015**

MP stressed that communication between Junior Reps needed to be stronger when confirming matches and confirming the strength of team in order to achieve competitive matches.

MS stated that LMS holds Junior Reps contact details but he would also produce a contact list and circulate to all Clubs.

#### **3. Games per season - are there enough ?**

Nic Davies from Lewes raised this issue by email.

Lewes would like more matches and was there a possibility to play each other 4 times a season. The general feeling of the meeting was that 8 matches was the ideal number per season. Depending on the final numbers entering and number of divisions generated next season, for any division that had less than 5 teams (8 matches) then the fixtures can be generated For teams to play each other 4 times.

**N.B** It is anticipated that each division will have at least 5 teams thus generating the required 8 fixtures.

#### **4. Tri Matches Div. 6 (U11)**

All agreed that the Triangular format continues to work very well for the U11 division.

The number of teams for this division for next season is currently unknown.

If the numbers are not enough to format a full division it was agreed to have festival day fixtures.

Where by the all U11's teams would play each other on one day.

N.B Hopefully though there will be enough teams to have the traditional Division 6.

#### **5. Confirmation of teams.**

All clubs to provide their final number of teams by the **15th August 2015.**

Currently known:

Chichester	4 teams
Lewes	6 teams
Crawley	6 teams (possibly 7)
West Worthing	2 teams

#### **6. Team Registration**

Fees to remain at £20 per team.

#### **7. Promotion/Relegation issues.**

MS to evaluate teams strengths with input from the various clubs Junior Reps and after final numbers on 15th August to complete the promotion/relegations places.

#### **8. AOB**

Corals raised issue of a player who played both for Crawley 2nd team and 3rd team on the same day. The rules of LMS for the men's league do not allow this but this rule is not present in the Junior rules. Crawley stated they were not seeking to gain an advantage and the player was played at his correct ranking and they had been impacted by a fixture re-arrangement when originally it would have been on 2 separate dates.

CM said the ESR directive is U11 to use a single dot ball.

All agreed this should be adopted for the coming season

MS declared the meeting closed and the trophies were presented to the divisional winners.

Div. 1 = Chichester Juniors 1

Div. 2 = Corals Juniors 2

Div. 3 = West Worthing Juniors 2

Div. 4 = Lewes Juniors 2

Div. 5 = Crawley Juniors 5

Div. 6 = West Worthing Juniors 4