

SUSSEX SQUASH AND RACKETBALL AGM

Olympos, Burgess Hill

15TH JULY 2010 AT 7.00PM

MINUTES

Present: Paul Millman (Chair), Simon Tunley (Sec.), Fiona Western (Ladies Fixture Secretary) Chris Markham (Mens Fixture Secretary/Treasurer) Karl Manning (LA Fitness Gatwick), Mike Tonge (Crowborough), Andrew Watts (Crawley), Heather Roberst (EG), Roger Bean (EG), Andy Norris (EG), James Norman (Horsham), Richard Laine (Arun LC), Andrew Eade (Burgess Hill), P Fairminer (Midhurst), D Usher (Midhurst), Stuart North (Dunnings SC), John Powell (Crowborough) Sarah Boyle (Bluecoats Horsham), Mick Greenway (Lancing), Tony Fiveash (Bluecoats Horsham), Andrew Parker (Brighton Rackets), Kevin Barden (Brighton SC), Aaron Parkins (David Lloyd), Phil Ransley (David Lloyd), Bill Jefferies (Lewes), Andy Birch (Corals), Malcolm Whiteley (Corals) and Julie Chappell (Corals)

Apologies: Paul Fennell (England Squash and Racketball), Mick Sheeran (Junior League Organiser) and Ashley Squires (Littlehampton SC)

	Action
1. Apologies for absence See above	
2. Minutes of previous AGM 16th July 2009 Accepted as true	
3. Sussex County Team Reports Results are on the website. Congratulations to the 0'60's and the U13 for very successful seasons. Thanks go to all the county team captains for their support this season.	All to note
4. County Closed Chris Markham (CM)/Simon Tunley (ST) confirmed that it was to be held on the 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd October at Corals SC; it would be a graded event that was open to all levels. Plus there would be a prize of free coaching for the club that gets the most entries. Mike Harris will be the TD and entry forms can be found on the web. CM made a plea to all clubs to make an effort to support the event.	All to note
5. League Reports Men's. CM presented trophies to all the winning teams in	

the leagues they were:

5E Crawley, 5W West Worthing 4, 4E Dolphin 4, 4W Midhurst 2, 3E E. Grinstead 1, 3W Bluecoats 1, 2E Crowborough 2, 2W Corals 4, Division 1 Corals 3 and the Premier Corals 1

Women's: Fiona Western confirmed that the women's leagues were now down to one division made up of seven clubs and had concerns for the long term sustainability of them. FW presented trophies to the league winners:

Division 2 East Grinstead 1 and Division 1 Crowborough 1

Knockout cup winners: Crowborough 1

Plate winners: East Grinstead 1

Junior league report. Mick confirmed there were 32 teams in the leagues this season and would like to pass on his congratulations to Bluecoats and Corals who between them came top in five of the six leagues.

Mick requested that if junior league organisers needed help on how to input scores on the LIMS they should contact their club fixture secretary for training. A lot of scores took a while to be entered last year.

Paul Millman (PM) discussed the Chichester issue and the concerns the committee had of them pulling out of the leagues. He confirmed he was meeting with them this month to try and get clarity on the reasons for them pulling out of the county and hopefully persuading them to enter teams again into the Sussex leagues in 2011/12.

6. Hon. Treasurer's report

CM who has taken on role as Treasurer from John Parr confirmed that the end of year accounts came in on budget and we had a balance of £17.5k in the bank. CM stated if people wanted a copy of the detailed accounts he would be more than happy to send them out and to let him know. CM past a copy of the 2010/11 budget around to all which he went through and highlighted the detail and confirmed what the development subsidy was for. All agreed they were happy with its content.

PM took the opportunity to thank John Parr for the sterling work he has done for the county over many years and we will be making a presentation to him to record our thanks.

<p>7. Election of Management Committee</p> <p>ST read out the presently elected officers. PM asked if people were happy to vote the officers in for another year and all agreed. He also reaffirmed the fact that we are always looking for new blood and if anyone was interested in getting involved to contact ST.</p> <p>8. Rule Changes</p> <p>Two rule changes were agreed by those present, these were to introduce PAR11 scoring into the premier division and also to scrap the pro player rule. CM confirmed that the rules could be downloaded off the web if people required them and this was cheaper than having to print a new rule book each year.</p> <p>9. County Development Plan/AOB</p> <p>ST to send out the PowerPoint that Mike Tonge (MT) presented on the night about the development of squash in Sussex; this is also in appendix A. He mentioned that the next coaches forum meeting was on the 25th September 2010 at Corals SC at 4pm and all were welcome</p> <p>MT confirmed there would be racketball league this season and would be mixed and played using four players. Further information on this can be seen in Appendix A</p> <p>PM mentioned the level 1 squash coaching course being held at the University of Sussex in November/December and the fact we were prepared to support candidates financially on condition they volunteered to do some hours for the county FOC. Anyone interested is to contact ST by the 31st July 2012 with a summary of why they think they would be a good candidate and the planned coaching they would do.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.30pm</p> <p>.</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>ST</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p>

Appendix A

SUSSEX SRA DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2010 -11 presented by Mike Tonge

- Discussed priorities at last AGM 2009
- Squash Forum June 2010** –Mike Harris –to take plan forward
- 8 clubs represented –we have 30 affiliated clubs plus non affil.
- Apathy, working more together, **Sustainable Structured Squash** programme for **Sussex**
- Develop clubs and school to county pathway
- GET MORE PLAYERS!!**

SSRA PLAN 2010-11

- So What?
 - Priorities –many. For now:
 - Juniors:** Structured pathway, examples of good practice, set a target e.g. get 10/50/100 more juniors in your club
 - How? Examples include working in and with schools, festivals, roadshows, carnivals, funded projects, inter schools competition –schools programmes and sports partnerships.
 - Be realistic –don't over commit
 - ESR help and support
- Other important issues include
- Women and girls
 - Adult development
 - Coach development –forums, county squads
 - Racketball

How far have we got? Not all hot air!

- Junior league –going well (Well done Mick)
- Girls county squad (Good for Graham)
- Racketball league about to kick off
- Sussex closed graded events (good stuff Mike Harris/Ben Hutton)

- Active support from ESR both financial and practical (John Millard) –draft budget

•NEXT FORUM MEETING SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2010 4PM AT CORALS DURING JUNIOR CLOSED –try to come!!

SSRA RACKETBALL LEAGUE 2010-11

- Crowborough, Corals, East Grinstead, Dunnings, Lewes, Middleton, Brighton Rackets, West Worthing (Bexhill?)

- Fixture generation –let me have home fixture day (and time) and any no-no dates including possible clashes with squash fixtures (ASAP and by 26 July at latest please)

- Draw up ranking lists

- League rules and match format to follow

- League info will be accessed via the SSRA website by clicking on “racketball” (thanks Karl Manning), just like squash

- Contact Mike Tonge on TongeofTonbridge@aol.com, 01732 364831 or 07780 514717