



WARWICKSHIRE

Squash & Racketball Association

Minutes of Warwickshire Squash and Racketball Association AGM held on September 6th 2016.

Present:- Nigel Orrett, Chris Barker, Mo Sarwar, Roger More, Leonie Holt, Jackie Bulman, Maxine Holt, Sue Underwood, Steve Elliott, Mike Edwards, Jon Tate, Rachel Woolford, Jon Summers, Len Granger, David Hart, M. Hawkins, Steve Jones, J. Hill +1 from Freedom First, Chris Owen, Martin Breakwell, David Tait, Leigh Nicholas, Bhim Lal, Richard Duff, George Owen, Pete Oddy, Tibor Szolnuki, Roxy Keshavarz Colin Gallow, and M. Couledale (Springfield)

Apologies:- Non received.

There were no representatives from Warwick University and Burntwood.

1. Minutes:- Steve Elliott (Cleaver) proposed and Peter Oddy (Sutton) seconded that last year's minutes be accepted as correct.
2. Matters Arising:- There were none.
3. Chairman's Report:- Nigel paid tribute to Steve Hubbard. Steve had been ill for over a year. Nigel thanked the people who had stepped up to help – especially Roger More. League Master should mean that the leagues run themselves, with the obvious help of the team captains. The website will, hopefully, be used much more with all clubs having access and therefore able to promote events they are holding. Nigel reiterated that rules need to be enforced especially with regard re-arranging fixtures. Fixtures are now on the website and captains should enter their players before they play their first fixture. Scoring will be PAR to 11 over all leagues ie Racketball and squash including ladies. All leagues will have a maximum of 10 teams and from this season 2 teams will be promoted and 2 relegated. This was voted on and accepted by a majority. Nigel also said that all clubs should be accurately affiliated ie membership numbers must be accurate.
4. Representative Team Reports:-
Juniors:- Jackie Bulman reported that Warwickshire have 50 children involved in the county set up. The Juniors have played lots of friendlies and they have had success in the intercounty championships with the Boy's U15 team finishing 2nd and the Boy's U17's finishing 3rd. The U11 Girl's won their festival and the Boy's finished 10th. There have been individual successes for Alhamsson Khalil, Josh Owen, Lewis Anderson and Rosie Kirsch. Rosie is also on the EDP and other county players are on the aspire programme. A group were taken to the Rotterdam Open with great result. School participation is to be encouraged with funding available through application to the regional forum with possible links with GCSE programme. Juniors are using facebook and social media to follow squash with 2000 hits for the Josh and Lewis' blog. Jackie would like to see this developed. The Warwickshire Junior Championships are being held at Freedom Fitness Leisure and they are looking for sponsors.



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Ladies Report:- Leonie reported that the Senior Ladies finished 3rd in the premier division. The Ladies' over 40's captained by Alison Insley finished 4th. Next season we have entered an over 50's ladies' team for the first time - team Captain will be Rachael Woolford.

Men's Team Report:- Mo thanked the Captains of the various teams – reiterating that it is a thankless task. When the fixtures are released Captains have a squad of at least 10 and by the day of the event they barely have 5! Senior Team – Captained by Sam Miller just missed out on promotion to the Premier Division. Special thanks to Jamie Haycocks. Over 35's – Captain - Pete Knowles. A good time was had by all plus promotion was won to the Premier Division. Over 45's – Captain- Jon Summers remain in Division 1. Over 50's – Captain- Tim Oegerby. They remain in Division 2. Over 60's and Over 65's are captained by Roger More. Warwickshire also have 2 Racketball teams in the intercounty championships. The Senior side is captained by Andy Warmington and remain in Division 1. The Over 40's – Captain- Jon Summers were really successful and lost in the final to a very strong Avon side. Mo also mentioned that the county are running a level 1 coaching course on October 9th. Information will be on the website soon. There will be another level 1 course later in the season, the date still to be decided. A level 2 course is also planned – if anyone is interested they should contact Mo. The county is willing to run referee and marking courses and rules awareness evenings. Again if interested contact Mo.

5. Adoption of Accounts:- Chris reported that for the second year running outgoings have exceeded income, so the county reserves are being “eaten into”. This, at the moment, is not a problem and if all clubs affiliate properly and we, therefore, receive the correct sum from England Squash - with league fees, income should be about £9000 which means we will remain in a healthy state and there is no need to increase entry fees. Chris also thanked everyone for using the new entry form. Rachel Woolford proposed and Sue Underwood seconded that the accounts be accepted.
6. Election of Officers:- Everyone was unanimously re-elected.
7. League Business and Presentation of Trophies:- Roger told everyone that each club has a password and team captains are able to input club info. If there are problems please contact Ladies – Rachel Woolford. Men's Squash – Steve Elliott. Racketball – Richard Duff. The League Master system is set to send team captains an e-mail on the Friday before the team plays stating which team they are due to play. Teams should respond with information such as late arrivals, dietary requirements and whether or not all players are staying to eat. Roger will e-mail all Captains with instructions on how to use League Master. The system is also set to deduct 5 points if results have not been entered within 3 days of the fixture being played. Home Captains are responsible for entering results, if not verified by the away side within 3 days, the result will be accepted as true. It is up to all teams to input new player info before they play. Fixtures will commence week beginning October 3rd.
A group photo was taken after the following awards were made.



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Summer League 2016

Div 5 – Birmingham University.

Div 4 – Kings Heath.

Div 3 – Edgbaston Priory.

Div 2 – Solihull Arden 1.

Div 1 – Leamington.

Racketball

Div 2 – Ardencote.

Div 1 – Ardencote.

Winter 2015-2016

Racketball

Div 2 – Burton Manor.

Div 1 – Ardencote.

Ladies

Div 2 – C&NW.

Div 1 – Wolverhampton.

Men's

Div 6 – Edgbaston Priory 4.

Div 5 – Kings Heath 2.

Div 4 – Virgin Active.

Div 3 - Kenilworth 2.

Div 2 – Edgbaston Priory 2.

Div 1 – West Warks.

8. AOB:-Racketball Divisions:- At the moment there are 2 divisions. If the number of competing teams increases to 24 then we might have to move to 3 divisions of 8 teams with promotion and relegation of 2 teams.

County Closed:- Sutton offered to host - so this year's competition will be held at Sutton over the weekend of January 21st/22nd 2017. Mo to liaise with Sutton.

9. Date of Next Meeting :- Tuesday 11th October 7pm at Nigel's.