Minutes of Warwickshire Squash and Racketball Association AGM held on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2019.

<u>Present</u>:- Nigel Orrett, Chris Barker, Mo Sarwar, Roger More, Leonie Holt, Maxine Holt, John Parkes, Amy Jones, Sam Scriver, Chris Evans, Dean Davies, Asif Chandry, Stuart Lord, Andy Hill, Ted Frith, Andy Pearson, Stephen Gibbs, Allan Hitchcock, Alan Robinson, Andy Davis, Graeme Mascall, Alex McLoughlin, Sue Underwood, Steve Elliott, Mike Edwards, Rachel Woolford, Matt Hawkins, Chris Hall, Bhim Lal and Allan Walton.

Apologies:- Non received.

There were no representatives from Kings Heath and Burton Manor.

- 1. Minutes:- Accepted
- 2. Matters Arising:- There were none.
- 3. <u>Chairman's Report</u>:- Nigel reported that England Squash need to know accurate player numbers to justify themselves to Sport England. The way numbers are recorded now, it looks as if Warwickshire numbers are decreasing. As a County we are now insisting that all league players are mandated members of England squash. We have asked that all coaches/club administrators fill in the England Squash App, this will again help to give accurate numbers.

We have also advertised for a liaison officer, this position should be filled by the end of the month. The appointed person will, amongst other duties, help clubs to fill in the apps thus giving ES an accurate picture of squash in Warwickshire ( We currently lie 3rd behind Yorkshire and Surrey)

We have funds available for clubs to help develop squash in their areas, clubs just need to approach the committee.

### 4. Representative Team Reports:-

Juniors:-No report as currently we do not have a Junior Chairman.

Ladies Report:-Leonie reported that the following players represented the county in:-

O40's :- Rachel Woolford, Sam Hampson, Jane Armstrong, Alison Insley and Lucy Emsden.

O50's :- Rachel Woolford, Sue Underwood, and Lucy Emsden.

Both teams reached the finals' weekend – finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively

<u>Seniors</u>:-Leonie Holt, Olivia Gow, Lucy Green, Natalie Townsend, Laura Helm and Rachel Woolford. They have won promotion to the Premier League.

County training will be taking place and will be open to anyone interested in playing for the county.

Men's Team Report:- Mo thanked the many Captains for their hard work organising the many teams.

<u>Senior Racketball</u>:- finished a very credible 3<sup>rd</sup>. O40's and O50's had to withdraw.

<u>Squash:</u>- Seniors finished  $3^{rd}$ . Age Groups – ES decided to play all age group finals over the same weekend. This caused problems, as many players play in more than one age group which was not possible that weekend!! Warwickshire was very well represented with final positons from  $2^{nd}$  - $8^{th}$ !

# 5. Coaching Courses

Coaches need to attending  $1^{st}$  Aid and safeguarding courses. Mo reported that he was running one on Sunday  $15^{th}$  September and would be running others which would be advertised on the county website.

6. Racketball County Closed – 21st -22nd September- at Cov N. Warks

- 7. <u>Junior Closed</u>- 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September- at Cov N. Warks entry via England Squash website. Nigel thanked Mo for all the work he does for the County.
- 8. <u>Treasurer's Report</u>:-Chris reported that the county rebate from ES is down this year because of affiliation problems. If players have affiliated their membership, the rebate increases from £1 to £4. He also re-iterated that money is available for clubs to develop squash. We have received a sum of money from Steve Hubbard's estate which means the County is financially sound.
- Election of Officers:- Everyone was re-elected unopposed. At present the position of Junior Chairman is vacant. This position needs to be filled to ensure junior squash in our county continues to thrive. We are in desperate need of a secretary – anyone interested should contact Nigel or any committee member.
- 10. <u>League Business and Presentation of Trophies</u>:- Roger reported that all fixtures were now sorted. Ladies have a new system. Racketball has two divisions of 7.He asked that all Captains make sure their player's full names were entered on the scoring system and in the correct order. There is a possibility that we will start a Vets league next summer but for now if anyone wants to arrange friendly matches he is willing to help.

A group photo was taken after the following awards were made.

# Summer League 2019

Div 6 - Priory 3rd

Div 5 – Barnt Green 2nd

Div 4 - Cleaver 2nd

Div 3 – West Warks

Div 2 – Kenilworth

Div 1 – Priory 1st

Racketball-Leamington

Winter 2018 -2019

#### Racketball

Div 3 – Burton Manor

Div 2 – D.Lloyd Solihull

Div 1-Kenilworth

## Ladies

Div 2 – Leamington

Div 1 – Kenilworth

## Men's

Div 7 - Coleshill

Div 6 – D. Lloyd Coventry

Div 5 – Knowle

Div 4 – Stratford 2nd

Div 3 - Barnt Green

Div 2 - Cleaver

Div 1 – Solihull Arden

### 11. 200 Club Draw.

£50- Sutton Racketball

£100- Leamington 3<sup>rd</sup>

£200 – B'ham Uni 3<sup>rd</sup>

12. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u>:- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> October 7pm at Nigel's.

AOB should be sent to Nigel