

ENGLAND SQUASH MASTERS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT BURY ST EDMUNDS

PRESENT: Martin Pearse (Chairman), Stuart Hardy (Vice-Chairman), Steve McLoughlin (Treasurer), Mike Clemson (Secretary), Peter Alexander and Dave Hardern

APOLOGIES: received from Beverley Mackay, Robert Smith and Chris Nutley

RESIGNATION received from Helen Gould. It was agreed that Stuart would approach Alison Goy, and then Sue Smith if Alison declined. Martin would ask Jon Glidden if he would agree to be co-opted

MINUTES of the Committee meeting held on 13 February 2015 were approved

MATTERS ARISING from the General Meeting held at Hull University

- (a) Venues for Regionals for 2015-16 were reviewed and confirmed. It was noted that the purpose of having all six regionals before the Nationals was to enable earlier selection of the England teams
- (b) The proposal that players from the same county should, where possible, be kept apart in the draws, was confirmed
- (c) Brian Brock had offered to do the draws for regional tournaments if he was provided with seeding information. However, Martin confirmed that he was happy to continue, with Stuart doing the draw for the Over 65s
- (d) It was agreed that a Physiotherapist should be made available on the Friday evening and Saturday of each Regional tournament, and the Committee would pay £250 for this facility. If the venue could not provide a Physiotherapist, it was noted that Sarah Parr might be available, in which case the Committee would also pay for her accommodation for one night
- (e) It was agreed that Martin would ask Paul Vale if he could assist Brian Brock with the website
- (f) It was agreed to endorse the decision made at the General meeting re qualification for England teams in the Home Internationals
- (g) It was agreed to fund a shirt and shorts for all players selected for England teams for the first time
- (h) It was agreed that Martin and Stuart would select the Team Managers/Selectors for the various England teams, with Peter (Alexander) being consulted about any issues
- (i) Stuart would confirm with Brian that an 'Honours Board' of the Players of the Year would be displayed on the website
- (j) Despite the fact that the General meeting at Hull had not been advertised sufficiently in advance, and was therefore unconstitutional, it was agreed not to convene an additional meeting unless it became necessary

FINANCE UPDATE

Steve reported that we have approximately £4k in hand. He would produce a full Income and Expenditure account and Balance Sheet at the end of the season around June 2016. It was confirmed that we pay a fee of £400 to each Regional Host Club

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS 2015-16 were covered in Matters Arising (a). In addition, the question of whether entrants should be members of ESR was left open, as the Regionals are also open to players from other countries. A computer link with Squashlevels, so that players results from the Regionals could be taken into account, was being pursued

HOME INTERNATIONALS

Dave Hardern reported that the 2015 Home Internationals had gone successfully. The dates and venues for 2016 were on the website. It was agreed that venues should be reviewed every four years, but that Dave should seek an immediate change from Dublin, which is not felt to be an appropriate venue

OTHER INTERNATIONALS

There was no progress in organising international matches in or against other countries

ENGLANDSQUASH AND RACKETBALL

It was noted that there had been no further approach from ESR re the relationship with ESM, since inconclusive informal discussions at the British Open. The Vets Club had expressed its disappointment to Keir Worth about the lack of follow up from those discussions

WORLD MASTERS 2016

There was nothing further to report

ALLAM BRITISH OPEN 2016

The Open would again be held in Hull on or around the same dates as 2015. It was agreed to ask Chris Nutley if a Masters Social could again be arranged on the Friday evening at the University

SCORING SYSTEMS

It was noted that PARS to 11 would be used for the Over 45s downwards at Regional tournaments, with HIHO continuing to be used for the older age groups. It was hoped that this arrangement would also apply to the Nationals and the Open

NEXT MEETING would probably be held during the Nationals at Manchester in February 2016