

ENGLAND SQUASH MASTERS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 3 JUNE 2016 AT COLETS

PRESENT: Martin Pearse (Chairman), Stuart Hardy (Vice-Chairman), Steve Mcloughlin (Treasurer), Mike Clemson (Secretary), Dave Hardern, Alison Goy, Robert Smith, Peter Alexander, Chris Nutley, Jon Glidden and Brian Brock.

It was noted that Chrissy Burkin had decided not to join the Committee, and agreed that Martin would approach Zoe Shardlow

MINUTES of the meeting held on 12 February 2016 were approved

HOME INTERNATIONALS 2016. Dave reported that all our teams were winners, except for the Mens Over 40 and Over 65, who had finished second, and the Mens Over 75, who were third. It was agreed not to add any further teams for 2017. Dates were confirmed as Wales 21/22 April, Ireland 28'29 April and Nottingham 5/6 May, with Scotland still to be finalised. Dave will consider minor tweaks to the playing arrangements, taking into account comments from Peter

WORLD MASTERS 2016. Martin would contact the 30 or 40 English players who had entered to discuss meeting up, discounted flights etc. The first Fitness Assessment Clinic for players had gone well, and Martin would sort out a date for the remaining four people. Thanks were recorded to Ed Winter for making the clinic available

REGIONALS 2016-17. Venues were confirmed as Bury St Edmunds, Bristol, Winchester, Coventry, Pontefract and Grove Park. It was agreed to consider Edgbaston as the midlands venue in 2017-18. Martin would circulate the updated notes for venues hosting Regionals to each one, stressing the need for warm courts and making arrangements for the provision of Physiotherapists. Brian would liaise with Martin Roberts (England Squash) about the provision of Referees for the finals. Appropriate trophies were discussed. Peter would provide a link to a website for Committee members to view options and make recommendations

The updated notes for Venues hosting Regionals and for Players entering Regional tournaments were available on the ESM website

The survey of opinions about scoring systems and ideas for improving regionals would be drafted by Brian and trialled with Committee members, with the aim of circulating it in mid June and allowing three or four weeks for responses, which would be summarised by Brian and presented to the Committee meeting at Bury St Edmunds

BRITISH OPEN MASTERS. Chris apologised for the delay in getting information to seeding advisors, and advised that arrangements for the date and location of the 2017 event should be known shortly

FINANCE. Steve advised that the statement he had circulated in May was still largely current, and that we had funds of about £8,000. Specifically, it was agreed that –

- (a) The Chairman should not pay an entry fee for entering Regional tournaments, and from 2015/16 should receive £200 per annum in respect of his (and his wife's) work in organising the Regional tournaments

- (b) Brian would continue to claim all expenses incurred in attending at and running the Regional tournaments, and be provided with appropriate equipment
- (c) England shirts would be provided for players selected for the first time
- (d) Tracksuit tops would be provided for England players in the World Championships
- (e) Players selected for teams in the Home Internationals would not have their expenses subsidised. This would include players selected for more than one age group
- (f) In exceptional circumstances, payments could be made to players selected to play for England, subject to prior Committee approval. This was agreed by a majority vote
- (g) Players of the Year would receive a trophy and a case of wine amounting to about £100 per head. At least one of the recipients each year should be a woman
- (h) Chris would enquire whether England Squash were still liable to make an annual payment in respect of the administration of the Masters website

It was noted that Home Internationals Income and Expenditure is handled by England Squash under Dave's supervision, with his aim being to maintain a small surplus in the account

OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) The Glen Ragou Memorial day on 13 August would hopefully have about 60 participants, and Alison and her associates were congratulated on setting it up
- (b) Robert would draft a letter to be sent by Martin to the new Chair of England Squash, asking for an early review of the relationship between ES and the Masters Committee
- (c) Recommendations for Players of the Year for 2015-16 were confirmed. It was noted that an Honours Board of past recipients would be placed on the ESM website
- (d) No other International matches were being planned
- (e) Brian would proceed with the updating of the website during the summer. Historical material needed to be resorted into one format before it could be transferred to the new website
- (f) Jon agreed to put together some thoughts about ways of publicising ESM

NEXT MEETING was provisionally arranged to be held during the Regional at Bury St Edmunds, probably on Saturday morning, 3 September 2016