

NORFOLK SQUASH & RACKETBALL

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Held at EATSC on the 2nd March 2023 (Start 19.00 – Close 20.30)

Attendees:

Member	Role	Attendance
Herman van den Berg	Chairman	Present
David McCourt – Hall	Vice Chairman (interim)	Absent
Kevin Harvey	Secretary	Absent with Apology
Matt Johnson	Treasurer	Present
Phil Slack	League Coordinator	Absent with Apology
Matt Bolt	Senior Squash Development	Absent with Apology
Hannah Jones	Ladies Squash Development	Absent with Apology
Sam Henden	Junior Squash Development	Present
David Gouldby	Squash 57 (Racketball)	Absent
Jamie Goodrich	Social Media / Website	Present
Rob Hambrook	Committee Member	Absent with Apology
Sam Jones	Committee Member	Present
Lorraine Sharp	Committee Member	Absent with Apology
Tom Smith	Committee Member	Absent
>> Vacant <<	Safeguarding / Welfare Officer	>> Vacant <<
Henry Geaves	Committee Member	Present
>> Vacant <<	Committee Member	>> Vacant <<

Welcome

Herman welcomed everyone and thanked the committee for making the time to meet.

Agenda

1. Review and Agree last Executive Committee Meeting minutes

- Meeting minutes from the 17th January was agreed and accepted by all present

2. Status update on previous actions points

- Feedback and progress was shared by each member that had some action points. These will be updated and shared as per the Action point sheet.

3. Finance update

- Matt shared that HSBC has confirmed that our funds held in the account is approximately 17K. Matt and Herman both now have access rights to the account and online banking access should follow shortly.

Herman thanked Matt for his work on getting this resolved as the process was quite involved with HSBC.

4. Agree coaching qualification funding + Junior squash development

- The committee reviewed the costing proposal from Cromer Tennis and Squash club that has been put forward to enable Henry Geaves to target Schools more effectively in their local area. It was agreed that Norfolk Squash would fund this in principle with the caveat that the equipment would continue to be the property of Norfolk Squash and that it would be accompanied by a signed issue sheet. Any future requests from clubs for funding support will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

- The committee also agreed that we would look to fund relevant coaching qualifications such as level one on the provisions that :

- The applicant will provide clear evidence that they will consistently and with longevity deliver coaching in line with Norfolk Squash requirements.

- The applicant will deliver the two annual 6 Week Squash Stars programme from England Squash.

- The applicant would have to put forward what programmes and actions they would take annually to promote squash within Norfolk and be able to feed this back to the Committee with tangible results.

- Sam Henden will explore the CPM role for Norfolk further as per discussions he's had with David Evans. Matt will assist Sam to look at how Norfolk Squash could support Sam in this role with possible funding to promote squash in Norfolk.

5. Review bulk purchase of equipment for Junior squash

- It was agreed that the committee would rather fund this as and when required on a case by case basis. With regards to the needs outlined by Cromer we would endeavour to buy the equipment at the best possible price based on their quantities.

- Jamie explained that there should be some existing equipment like squash walls that we could potentially re distribute to Cromer. Jamie will make some enquiries and feed back accordingly.

6. Funding for county teams - junior and senior

- It was discussed and agreed that Norfolk squash should try to fund some of the county team activities. Concern was raised over the cost vs value for this funding. Matt and Jamie will discuss and cost this proposal to be put forward and reviewed by the committee at the next meeting.

- Sam Henden will explore sponsorship for the county teams and feed back at the next meeting.

7. County teams organisation

Selection for county teams was discussed by all and agreed that this should be done on the basis of:

- Interested players should indicate that they are available and willing to play.
- Selection will be done based on Squashlevels rankings.
- If an interested player feels that their skill level is not correctly reflected on Squashlevels and they have missed out on being selected for a County Team then the player in question can arrange a challenge match. This needs to be pre-approved by Norfolk Squash and played with a suitable marker present.

8. Team squash – Summer Leagues

- Herman raised some concern over the Premier division and the level of participation and suggested we look at revising the format via another meeting with the captains and interested premier division players. He suggested potential changes could be trialled during the summer leagues.

The committee discussed numerous potential changes but agreed that this would be better suited at a separate meeting to gain understanding, ideas and buy in from relevant parties.

- The committee did agree that we would Fund 4 x floating Trophies for the winners of each league and this will be communicated before the summer league starts.

9. AOB