

Minutes Of Norfolk Squash Meeting

28th February 2017, 7.30pm, EATSC

Present: Adam Goodson, Tim Venes, Hannah Colby, Kevin Harvey and Tony Henden

Apologies: Received from Mark Heazle, Wendy Farrer, Jake Bond and Kevin Cooke

Minutes Of The Last Meeting / Matters Arising

- The minutes of the last meeting, dated 22nd November 2016, were approved
- Popup banners from England Squash will be stored at EATSC & available for anyone to use
- **Action: HC to inform Junior Volunteer Group**
- There has been no news as to whether Glen Richmond has been contacted about the website
- **Reactioned: Jake Bond to contact and report back to committee**
- Tony Henden was invited to run an Intercounty team competition at a time TBC
- The Norfolk Winter League trophies have yet to be found and engraved
- Travel expenses were set at 17p per mile for anyone driving to county events, regardless of distance travelled, but car-sharing is to be actively encouraged
- Discussions regarding the role of County Associations are ongoing

Racketball League

- Fees for 2017 will remain the same at £32 per team and four players per team
- It was suggested that teams are named to add to the fun element
- **Action:** KH to organise the league to start from 20th March 2017, with fixtures over the Easter break
- **Action:** HC to confirm whether EATSC will have one team or two
- Trophies are to be organised for the end of the league

Website

- Format and content of the website needs attention, with a cohesive design for Senior and Junior websites
- Captains should be reminded of the importance of providing both match reports and photos
- **Action:** AG to confirm to the Volunteer Group that JB can be paid £150 for his work on the Junior website
- **Action:** AG to talk to JB and offer payment for the development of the Senior site, with all further costs for work on both Senior and Junior sites to be agreed in advance

Summer Squash Leagues / Teams

- Summer Leagues will start from 15th May 2017 and should be organised now for a prompt start
- Fees for 2017 will remain the same at £32 per team and four players per team
- New players, especially Juniors, should also be encouraged to participate
- A proposal for an independent team to go straight into the Premier league was approved

Committee Actions / Agreements

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- It was confirmed that the Norfolk Doubles had been discussed and agreed on the planner last year
- The importance of efficient and prompt minutes, to be displayed on the website, was noted
- **Action:** To improve transparency, AG to circulate minutes to all on the Norfolk Squash distribution list
- TH expressed concerns that the committee was not operating in accordance with England Squash guidelines. TV asserted that the decision-making process within and outside committee is fair and correct
- TH suggested that KC reviews and updates the Norfolk Squash constitution

Calendar / Planner 2017-18

- A Men's and Mixed Doubles tournament will be held at UEA with Tony Gay and Blade on Saturday 6th May 2017 as a joint event with Broadland. The courts will cost £108 for the whole day
- The Summer Leagues will run from 15th May – 4th August 2017
- The Winter Leagues will run from 18th September 2017, with a possible revamp of the format
- The AGM will be held at Broadland Sports Club on Saturday 5th August 2017, with a buffet
- **Action:** AG to circulate a notice
- **Action:** AG to prepare a summary of committee roles, and some possible new roles, for election
- The Racketball Closed will be held on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September 2017
- **Action:** AG to ask Tom Smith (Rossis) if he would like to host the event
- It was suggested that Junior events should be attached to Senior events to encourage participation
- **Action:** The possibilities of a County Doubles championship and squash and racketball senior Grand Prix were discussed but no decisions were made

England Squash

- AG reported that ES are experiencing serious problems with their operations and staffing levels

Junior Reports & Accounts

- **Action:** HC combine both the Senior and Junior event calendars
- **Action:** HC to suggest to the Junior group that the minutes of their meetings are circulated to the Norfolk Squash distribution list in conjunction with the Senior minutes

Doubles Tournament

- TH suggested that an online payment facility for events should be encouraged

Norfolk Squash Archive

- AG reported that he has created a Chairman's handover files for future use

AOB

- No other business was forthcoming

Dates Of Next Meetings

Tuesday 18th April 2017, 7.30pm

Tuesday 15th June 2017, 7.30pm

Tuesday 22nd August 2017, 7.30pm

Tuesday 17th October 2017, 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 10.00pm