



# NORFOLK SQUASH & RACKETBALL

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Held at EATSC on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (Start 18:30 – Close 20.00 )

### Attendees:

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

### Welcome

Herman welcomed everyone to the meeting with special mention to Tom Bobbins and Dale Forman joining the meeting and Henry Booth joining the committee.

## Current Action Points

### Herman

- Get below templates from ES for review and amendment
  - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy - Point 6 - In hand with ES
  - Register for significant risks - Point 11 - In hand with ES
  - Safeguarding Policy - Point 12 - In hand with ES
- Contact Chris Peach to explore with Lorraine what is involved in safeguarding role. – Chasing date
- With Jamie look at NS Shirts via iPro Sports + County Shirt with Ladies option
- Circulate letter regarding conduct during Norfolks.

### Matt J

- Get Norfolk Squash Organisation Number.

### Sam J

- Amend league rules to reflect discussion on promotion and relegation + replacement players to be either the same or lower in level on Squashlevels.

### Everyone

- Review constitution that was sent out as it will be proposed at next member's meeting

## Agenda

### 1. Approve Minutes & Actions Update

- a. Accepted and approved in meeting

### 2. Winter Leagues Planning

- Structure – no. of players per team

A general discussion was held and majority of people prefer teams of 5 but practically is accepted that teams of 4 should be accepted and run for Winter 2023. A suggestion was made by Tom Bobbins to consider 5 players for premier division and it was agreed that this could be looked at if all club captains agree.

- No. of teams in each league / no. of leagues

6 Teams per division. Sam Jones to share

- Timing

13<sup>th</sup> Suggested as start date of Winter season

- Rules – promotion / relegation rules, player eligibility for Supercup

A wide discussion was held and multiple options were considered with reference to auto promotion / relegation and play off's. Current league rules will apply that indicate auto promotion / relegation and any conflict would be referred to league secretary.

It was accepted by all that we should not apply stringent rules and that Promotion and relegation to be fluid due to new teams joining, reforming and changes in players. Everyone would welcome an auto promotion and relegation system but it was agreed that there is not enough depth in the leagues to practically apply this.

The season would end with a super cup play off and previous winners would get first refusal to host and organise the event. The aim would be to hold this on a Friday night with a prize giving ceremony to follow. LTR is open to be used as a venue should a club feel they need more courts etc.

Matt Johnson suggested that any replacement player need to be either the same or lower in level on Squashlevels. This was agreed by all.

- Scoring was agreed by all to move in line with PSA up to 11.

- League System – SportyHQ vs LeagueMaster

Sam Jones will trial SportyHQ alongside Leaguemaster in order to give detailed feedback at the end of the season.

- Payment system

SportyHQ could potentially fill this gap as well

### 3. Summary & Learnings from recent Events

- Senior Champs

Biggest attendance from memory at 112 entrants with excellent feedback from many parties. People can't wait for next year and Henry commented as a newcomer that it was excellent. Ladies B as a new category did extremely well. Wash up session was had with improvements to be made. Spreading the draw and having preliminaries at another club were positive suggestions. Tom Bobbins explained that Diss and other clubs could provide better support if draws could be communicated more clearly in terms of showing which nights players would play. Matt J is looking at a system to potentially give better info in 2024.

- Junior Champs

Tournament went well with good attendance and well organised. Sam H felt it should be best of 5 and over a few days. Supervision and safeguarding were discussed as LTR complained about unsupervised Juniors that led to a glass pane in a door being broken.

- Broadland Junior Open

5 Entries and went well for people that entered. Support was offered from the committee to increase numbers but not taken up. Committee stressed that we would help where we can with future events.

- Play-Offs / SuperCup

Last minute call offs made it difficult to organise. Sam J did a fantastic job to ensure a great evening was had by all and well attended. Evening worked as a format but needed wider support behind it. Rossis won and will host the next event. Suggested a Friday night and getting buy in from more clubs.

- Court Conduct

A discussion was held around unacceptable conduct on court during the Norfolks by a specific player. A formal letter will go to players displaying such behaviour and could lead to bans in Norfolk Squash. Herman will forward a draft letter to committee for approval.

#### 4. Standing Agenda Items

- Treasurer Update (Matt J)

As per previous meeting

- Junior Update (Sam H / Stuart)

As per previous meeting

- Junior / Senior County Teams Update (Stuart / Bolty)

As per previous meeting

#### 5. AOB

Herman mentioned that the committee is keen for other clubs in Norfolk to put on events and the committee would support and help where it can to promote and drive attendance as we'd like to see an active squash community across Norfolk clubs. Tom Bobbins appreciated the offer and said he would inform the committee of any events and take us up on the offer. Everyone felt this would be a good way forward and would be keen to participate.