**MINUTES of COMMITTEE MEETING**

England Squash



**MONDAY 25th MARCH 2024 brought forward from 1st April.**

**Apologies ::** Howard Jones; Cyril Nolan; Gary Nolan; Kacper Pagorek; Guy Scott; Alex Whitehouse.

**Present** :: Malcolm Brown; Annette Dickinson-Flint; Ian Dinwiddy; G S Jackson; Max Lloyd; Laura Mather; Lee Picken; Lorna Rogers; Don Wallington.

**Chairman’s Report**:: a. Discussion reviewed feedback etc on the Chris Flint Junior Open Tournament. The overall success was epitomised by everyone who volunteered on the day; however, particular and specific thanks were due to Lee Picken and Ben Schur without whose efforts the day would not have happened.

Positive feedback had been received from Parents of entrants who were likely to return to a future event.

The Tournament had provided entrants with Tee Shirts, Awards Vouchers, squash balls and grips; refreshments were also available. It was reported that this level of provision did not happen at other tournaments and it was recommended that only tee shirts should be provided at a future event. Laura provided an income and expenditure account which showed an overall expenditure of £1951.18. The £943.10 cost tee shirts was covered by entrance fees and that all other operating costs of £547.33 would be met by the CF Fund.

It was considered appropriate to select June/July 2025 for the next Bronze or Silver event; further discussion would be required covering access and the ‘advisability’ of entrants being allowed outside in squash shoes etc.

b. GSJ indicated that the Committee’s previous request to monitor and review all Club operations and costings etc would be carried out with the intention of reporting any changes to the AGM on 3rd June 2024.

**Honorary Treasurer** :: a**.** Laura reported an interim budget projection and a Nayax projection which indicated that whilst light income from courts remained fairly consistent there was a reduction of the monthly generated surplus caused by the increasing costs of ground rent, waste collection, electricity etc. Laura will continue this projection which will form part of the overall review with changes, if any, being formulated for the AGM.

**Membership Secretary** :: a. Lorna reported that Membership renewals stood at 198 an increase of 4 over the last month.

**Club Captain** :: a. Lee reported that the County O45’s team had not progressed to the next round but that the Ladies team were through to the next round in Nottingham on 27th/28th April. b. Winter League Finals night would take place on 28th March at the Schools but the RB Final would need to be postponed until after Easter owing to player unavailability.

**County Rep ::**

1. Ian Dinwiddy mentioned that the County Junior Championships had yet to be programmed. b. County End of Season meeting TBA.

**1st Team Captain** :: a. Lee reported that the “A” & “B” teams had one remaining match to play in Division One. Between them they would finish in 2nd and 3rd position.

**Junior Section ::**

a. Nothing to report in addition to last month’s report.

**Internal Leagues** :: a. Cyril is continuing his efforts to “introduce” Racketball to Juniors and, with Lorna’s help, to ladies as well.

**Website ::**

1. Gary will be preparing a note about the CF Tournament for the website and GSJ and Max Lloyd to provide pictures for Kacper to include.

**Future Events still to be arranged or confirmed ::**

a.[as the previous meeting] Gary agreed to discuss Safeguarding with Terry Jones for guidance on setting up a Seminar for Coaches etc. b. After discussion it was previously **AGREED** to arrange an open evening for the whole membership to view You Tube presentation on the use of the defibrillator. c. Damian Jay will be organising a series of Ladies Coaching Workshops at our Club on Mondays at 1820 hours for four weeks starting on 8th April. Cost £30 [Courts booked but No feedback on take up to date] d. Monday 29th April :: Invitation friendly match at Stourbridge Squash & Tennis club. e. Pete Morgans to be invited to arrange the Club Internal Championships which would be each side of the touring date. f. Nomination forms for all Officer and Committee posts need to be issued by the beginning of May. It was stressed that recruiting more volunteers would help reduce each person’s workload.

**Housekeeping ::**

1. Lee, Lorna and Alan Rogers were thanked for carrying out the last periodic deep clean.

**Maintenance** ::

1. Dave Bailey is to replace the lock on the Ladies Changing Room W.C. b. Thanks to Howard Jones for patch repairing wall surfaces where scuffed by kit bags. c. Lorna advised that it would be appropriate to include an item in the budget for replacing the floor finish in the Male changing room and showers.

**AOB ::** a**.** Ian Dinwiddy reported that his door fob fails intermittently. Lee informed the meeting that the door access keypad was nearing its capacity and would need to be replaced soon; the question was asked if there would be a replacement which could record the people entering to supplement the “MyCourts” checking in system.

1. It was **AGREED** that the next Committee Meeting would be on Tuesday 7th May to avoid the May Bank Holiday.

**Date of next meeting**

**TUESDAY 7th MAY 2024**

**Starting at 1900 hours**