

NSRA AGM

6th January 2017

7:30pm

Location

Meeting called by:	Sam Willis	Type of meeting:	AGM
Facilitator:	Simon Yates	Note taker:	Simon Yates
Attendees:	Sam Willis (SW), Simon Yates (SY), Stuart Tippleston (ST), Steve Cousens (SC), James Sheehan (JS), Ray Chessum (RC), Mike Broadbent (MB), Martin Sawyer (MS)		
Apologies:	Ian Holmes (IH)		
Clubs not Attending:	Saints, Daventry, Kettering Arena		

Minutes

<u>Agenda item:</u>	<u>Approval of minutes from last meeting</u>	<u>Presenter:</u>	SY
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Conclusions:

*Approval of minutes was not addressed as there were no minutes for the last AGM. **SW** suggested that all subsequent AGMs should be held at the end of season (End of April/Beginning of May)*

<u>Agenda item:</u>	<u>Matters arising</u>
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Discussion:

***MS** suggested sending a note to unrepresented clubs to try and remind them into sending someone for the next meeting*

***SC** – Market Harborough are considering the removal of a team from the Northants County Leagues. This is mainly due to the extra fees charged by Northants for each team entered into the leagues.*

***SW** suggested collating a summary of what the fees pay for and distributing it throughout the county*

***MS** suggested a discount for teams who are based outside the county. **SY** suggested the discount should apply to any club which is playing in more than one county league.*

Conclusions:

We will decide what discount, if any, to apply at the next meeting.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Send email to all absent clubs	SY	31/1/2017
✓ Send reply to Market Harborough	SY	31/1/2017
✓ Summarise what fees pay for	SW	

Agenda item: Chairman's Report**Presenter:** SW

2015/16 season we entered teams into the Men's, Men's 50, Men's O60, Boys' U17, Boys' U13, Boys' U11 and Girls' U17. The Men's team did well for the first half of the season, while George Willis was still here, and gained promotion. After George left the team was relegated.

2016/17 season we entered teams into the Men's, Men's O50, Men's O60, Boys' U19, Boys' U13, Boys' U11 and Girls' U19. The girls' competitions have been hampered by the fact that the rules have changed. The Boys U13 have had a fairly harsh introduction, but that's always the same when new teams.

There is a new online entry system for the competitions that has worked well and is available for anyone to see.

We have run 3 ES competitions which went well. The costs for the competitions include £3 per player, courts, T-shirts and trophies.

Agenda item: Adoption of accounts**Presenter:** IH

Balances current account £1158.52, deposit account £824.82. Still outstanding are fees from Dallington, Daventry and Market Harborough. We owe Dallington for the over 50's that they hosted.

Agenda item: League Secretary's Report**Presenter:** SY**Discussion:**

The problem with the leagues at the moment is that we don't have enough teams and increasing this should be our top priority.

Conclusions:

In order to continue with 4 divisions, we would need at 32 team, so we need to find 5 more teams. Specifically we will prioritise the University and Daventry.

Agenda item: Junior's report**Presenter:** SW**Discussion:**

The coaching is funded by the county and there will be 8 sessions every season. These will be added to the county calendar.

Agenda item: Intercounty Competition and our involvement with them**Presenter:** SY**Discussion:**

We will defer this discussion until the next meeting until the April meeting when the results will be available.

Conclusions:

We will make sure all clubs know that we will discuss this at the next meeting and so hopefully anyone who wants to enter the competitions will be represented.

Agenda item: Election of Management Committee**Presenter:** SY

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Peter Kirby	N/A	
Vice-President	James Sheehan	N/A	
Chairperson	Mike Broadbent	Sam Willis	Simon Yates
Vice-Chair	Martin Sawyer	Simon Yates	Stuart Tippleston
Secretary	Simon Yates	Martin Sawyer	James Sheehan
Treasurer	Ian Holmes	Sam Willis	Stuart Tippleston

League Secretary	Simon Yates	Mike Broadbent	Martin Sawyer
Junior Chair	Samantha Willis	James Sheehan	Stuart Tippleston
County Development Officer	Samantha Willis	Simon Yates	Martin Sawyer
Publicity Officer	Stuart Tippleston	Martin Sawyer	Sam Willis
County Captain	Ryan Feakin	N/A	
O50s Captain	Jo Hyde	N/A	
O60s Captain	Simon Evenden	N/A	

Agenda item: Daventry Reinvigoration

Presenter: MB

Discussion:

Lings coaching has gone from strength to strength over the past decade and as such has helped Lings as a club to prosper. Daventry on the other hand is declining. There is a surfeit of Lings coaches so it has been decided to share them. MB & RC will start coaching sessions from Saturday 21st January from 9am-10:20. This will be reviewed after 6 weeks and followed by an open day.

Also we will hold some exhibition matches there utilising their show court.

Agenda item: County Courts Inventory

Presenter: MS

Discussion:

We now have an Excel template spreadsheet which will be sent round to all the clubs for them to fill in. It will be amended to include qualified coaches and costs for membership and court fees.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Amend spreadsheet and distribute	SY	31/1/2017

Agenda item: County Calendar

Presenter: SY

Discussion:

County handicap will not be held this season. It will be held next in late October/early November.

The calendar should include INTERCOUNTY COMPETITIONS, SUMMER "SQUASH57" WINTER & SUMMER SQUASH LEAGUES, COUNTY HANDICAP, COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS, COUNTY DOUBLES, JUNIOR GRAND PRIX, COUNTY MEETINGS, OTHER EVENTS

It will be available online

Agenda item: County Website

Presenter: SY

Discussion:

The website is www.northantssquash.co.uk

This will now display all the competitions and we will add a dynamic calendar.

We will integrate Facebook and Twitter.

We will also trial an automatic entry system for the summer leagues.

Agenda item: Squash Levels

Presenter: SY

Discussion:

www.squashlevels.com is being used throughout many counties and we should implement it too.

Agenda item: County League Cup

Presenter: **SW**

Discussion:

We will defer this discussion until the next meeting in April where we will discuss the possibility of merging the Cup competitions.

Agenda item: Coaching Qualifications

Presenter: **MB**

Discussion:

We will try to get a level 1 coaching course set up.

Conclusions:

The first of these is at Market Harborough Squash Club on Sunday 26th March. Level one is a single-day course and costs £150, with a further £40 in associated costs; however some funding is available to help with this. If you're interested in the forthcoming course, any future dates, or to discuss funding, please contact Mike Broadbent who will be arranging them in consultation with England Squash. Many thanks to Alison and Steve Avil at Market Harborough for hosting in March - it is greatly appreciated.

Agenda item: Junior Grand Prix

Presenter: **SW**

Conclusions:

These will be reinstated in line with next season's winter leagues. Before then we'll have some informal games between clubs both in and out of the county.

Agenda item: Any Other Business

Discussion:

***ST** asked if we could create a county poster which we could distribute around other leisure facilities, sports clubs and gyms.*

***MB** informed us that the Lings Christmas Doubles is booked for Saturday 11th December at Lings Forum. The venue upstairs has been booked for all day and evening and we will try and brand it as an NSRA Christmas party.*

Agenda item: Date of next meeting

Date: Thursday 6th April **Location:** TBC

Agenda will be sent out beginning of March.