

THE YORKSHIRE SQUASH & RACKETBALL ASSOCIATION

www.yorkshiresquash.com President – Dr. Assem Allam

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY (USING ZOOM) AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESENT: Matthew Stephenson (Chairman), Mike Clemson, Peter Keen, Billy Hawes, Andrew Tressler, Steve Ridge, Nicky Horn, Hugh Mannerings and Jackie Anderson, and Representatives of the following member clubs of Yorkshire SRA –

Abbeydale, Barnsley, Beverley, Chapel Allerton, Doncaster, Dunnington, Fulwood, Hallamshire, Harlow Hill, Harrogate, Hull and East Riding, Leyburn, Pontefract, Queens, Rothwell, Wakefield, Woodfield and York

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies for absence

MINUTES of the 2019 AGM were approved as a correct record

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019-20

The Chairman summarised the activity which had taken place prior to the onset of the Coronavirus, which included Junior and Senior County Championships, most of the Yorkshire League season, and the results of our Junior teams in the Inter-County Championships, which were brought to a premature close before the Seniors and Masters events could take place. The significant event of the season was the decision of the Committee to allocate our accumulated funds to take on two part-time Development Officers to develop our links with the 100+ clubs and centres with squash courts. Nicky Horn then summarised the activity of the Development Officers from September 2019, which included visiting most of the venues and learning more about the kinds of support which Yorkshire Squash might offer. She said how much they had enjoyed meeting everyone and developing personal links

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THE ANNUAL REPORT was formally accepted

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE

Following the Committee's decision to declare the truncated 2019-20 season's results null and void, the Chairman of Abbeydale Squash Club had asked that this decision be reviewed at the AGM, and Mark Tasker reviewed the reasons why the club felt there were grounds for a review. After further contributions to the debate, a vote to confirm the Committee's decision was narrowly lost, and a further vote, that the Divisional tables as they stood at the cessation of play, should be accepted as the final tables, was carried with 77% of the votes in favour. A further proposal, that in future, should a season be truncated before the halfway point, play to that point shall be declared null and void and, if after the halfway point, the divisional tables as they stand shall be taken as the final tables, was accepted with 93% in favour

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 1 JULY 2019 - 30 JUNE 2020

A summary had been circulated to members, and the outgoing Treasurer reviewed the main items of income and expenditure. Thanks were expressed to the Independent Examiner, Jackie Anderson, for her work in scrutinising the accounts and certifying their accuracy

THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS were formally approved and adopted, with a Vote of Thanks supported unanimously to Peter Keen, who has been associated with Yorkshire Squash for over fifteen years, most of that time as Treasurer. However, his contribution to Yorkshire Squash goes well beyond his immaculate oversight of the accounts

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OF THE ACCOUNTS

As Jackie Anderson had indicated her willingness to stand as Treasurer in place of Peter Keen, another Independent Examiner would be required. It was agreed that this be delegated to the Committee

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES FOR 2020-21

It was reported that Peter Keen is resigning as a Trustee, and that Matthew Stephenson is due to retire by rota but is available for re-nomination. New nominations were Jackie Anderson and Hugh Mannerings. It was therefore AGREED that the following should be the Trustees of Yorkshire

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Squash and Racketball Association for 2020-21 – Matthew Stephenson, Mike Clemson, Jackie Anderson, Nicky Horn and Hugh Mannerings

PRESIDENT OF YORKSHIRE SRA

It was AGREED that Dr. Assem Allam be re-elected as President of Yorkshire SRA in recognition of his continued support both financially and in general for the work done by Yorkshire Squash in promoting and supporting the game in the county

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF YORKSHIRE SRA

It was AGREED that Matthew Stephenson be elected as Chairman, Jackie Anderson as Treasurer and Mike Clemson as Secretary for 2020-21

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It was AGREED that the following be elected as Committee members for 2020-21 – Billy Hawes, Dominic Pegg, Steve Ridge, Avril Storey, Andrew Tressler and Scott Wilson

FUTURE STRATEGY

During a brief discussion, it was suggested that it would be useful to have more data to show levels of participation. This was taken on board by the Development Officers

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Thanks were expressed to the 2019-20 Committee members for their work and commitment throughout the year, especially in the light of the impact of the Coronavirus

CLOSE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman thanked all those who had participated in our first ever virtual AGM, and declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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