
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 19 APRIL 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Matthew Stephenson (Chairman), Mike Clemson (Secretary), Scott Wilson, Hugh Mannerings and Nicky Horn.

APOLOGIES were received from Jackie Anderson (Treasurer), Billy Hawes and Andrew Tressler.

MINUTES of the Committee meeting held on 15 February 2021 were approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Hugh presented a revised proposal relating to the paper on Categories of Membership of Yorkshire SRA. Discussion related to whether a Lifetime Achievement Award should be seen within the Life Member category, and whether the proposed Outstanding Contribution Award should be divided into categories such as Senior, Junior etc. and awarded to a number of people rather than just one. It was agreed that Hugh would present a final proposal to the next meeting.

TRUSTEES MEETING

The Chairman reported on a Trustees meeting held on 22 March 2021, at which it had been agreed that Hugh and Nicky would resign as Trustees as soon as two replacements could be found, and should also consider resigning as Committee members but attending meetings in a non-voting capacity as paid Development Officers, in order to remove potential conflicts of interest. The meeting also discussed the recruitment process for new Committee members, and some of the reasons for being a registered charity.

Matt reported that Billy Hawes was prepared to stand as a Trustee, and that he had identified a person prepared to stand in as Treasurer on a short term basis. It was agreed that, as no expressions of interest in being Treasurer or Secretary had been received from Committee members, the flier designed by Hugh inviting interest in coming on the Committee should be sent out far and wide by Hugh and Nicky.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) The Treasurer had reported that the current balance in hand is £35.5k, only expenditure since the last meeting being the monthly payments to the DO's and a small amount for website updates.
- (b) The meeting considered and approved the proposed figures to make up the expenditure budget for 2021-22, and noted that, taking the likely income into account, including the balance brought forward from the current year, the figures showed a possible deficit towards the end of the financial year. It was therefore noted that these were provisional figures, subject to adjustment as further information becomes available, for instance what amount may be received from England Squash as the County Rebate. Specifically, no decision was made about the payment of expenses to the ICC teams, other than to reserve an amount in the budget, and it was agreed that a special meeting should be held later in the year with ICC Team Managers to get their views.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORTS

- (a) Nicky and Hugh presented their circulated paper headed Targets, Impacts and Requests, and emphasized that their focus is on working with venues and coaches to prepare for the re-opening of squash courts. It was agreed that a high priority was recruiting juniors through schools, and there was some discussion on various approaches, with examples of good practice being sought from other counties.
- (b) The Snapshot Report on Coaching led to a discussion on the strategy for involving coaches around the county. It was agreed that this was a highly significant document, worthy of sharing with a wider audience, but in the first instance it was agreed that those members of the Committee not present should be asked for their comments. Thanks were recorded to Nicky and Hugh for drawing up the document.

OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) It was agreed that plans for a resumption of competitive activity should be a major item for the next meeting.
- (b) It was agreed that the item on Advertising should also be held over for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING would be held in late June at a time and date to be agreed. Mike would consult Committee members about their preference for a Zoom meeting or one at a specific venue.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.