

ENGLAND SQUASH MASTERS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2016 AT SPORT CITY, MANCHESTER

PRESENT Martin Pearse (Chairman), Stuart Hardy (Vice-Chairman), Mike Clemson (Secretary), Peter Alexander, Robert Smith, Dave Hardern, Alison Goy, Chris Nutley and Jon Glidden

APOLOGIES Received from Steve McLoughlin (Treasurer) and Bev Mackay

WELCOME to Alison Goy and Jon Glidden, who had both agreed to be co-opted

MINUTES of the meeting held on 26 September 2015 were approved

FINANCIAL REPORT None had been received.

WEBSITE Brian Brock had reported that he hoped to complete the updating of the website over the summer, and sort out the automatic link to SquashLevels. It was agreed to spend £200 on a new printer

REGIONAL EVENTS 2015-16 The Chairman reported that the season had gone well, except that the courts at Bishop Stortford had turned out to be cold and suffering from condensation

REGIONAL EVENTS 2016-17

- (a) It was agreed that entries would only be accepted after advance payment by Paypal
- (b) The provisional programme was
 - 2/4 September East at Bury St. Edmunds
 - 21/23 October North at Pontefract
 - 25/27 November West, possibly at Club Vivo in Bristol – Jon would visit and assess suitability
 - 16/18 December Midlands at Coventry or Leicester, subject to assessment by ?
 - 6/8 January North West at Grove Park
 - 27/29 January South at Winchester, subject to assessment by ?
- The Nationals would probably be on 8/12 February
- (c) Brian Brock and Mike Clemson would update the Guidance Notes for Venues and for Players. It was agreed that players should be informed that they might be required to play twice on the Friday evening, regardless of their stated arrival time
- (d) The Secretary felt that, for the sake of clarity, the Chairman should be responsible for liaison with venues over all matters included in the Guidance Notes for Venues, and that the Tournament Manager should be responsible for all playing matters during the tournament itself, including liaison with England Squash over the provision of Referees for the Finals. It was agreed to retain the current arrangement whereby the winner of a tie marks the next match
- (e) It was agreed that Brian Brock and Mike Clemson would organise an email referendum of registered players to obtain views on moving to Point a Rally scoring and to seek suggestions on ways in which the Regional tournaments could be improved

PLAYERS OF THE YEAR 2015-16

Stuart Hardy would circulate the Committee asking for suggestions, and presentations would be made during the British Open Masters.

GLEN RAGOUE MEMORIAL MATCH

Alison Goy reported that she and Ian Bradburn were planning a North v South Masters event which could take place during the summer or in the early autumn. This was welcomed by the Committee

HOME INTERNATIONALS 2016

Dave Hardern reported that details were being finalised and some confusion over dates for the Scotland weekend had been resolved. It was noted that the Women's Over 55 would be four a side. The Chairman read out the list of Team Captains, which was approved. It was agreed that 'exceptional' players should be subsidised where it was felt essential to strengthen a team, and that all team members should receive a T shirt. Shorts could be purchased at their own expense. Captains would be asked to send results to Brian Brock as soon as possible after the matches

BRITISH OPEN MASTERS 2016

Chris Nutley confirmed that the Open Masters would be held at Colets from 1 to 5 June 2016

FITNESS ASSESSMENT CLINIC

Details of a Fitness Assessment Clinic to be held at Hallamshire (Sheffield) Squash Club had been circulated. It was agreed that the 10 places should be offered to England players entering the World Masters Championships, and that each player should receive a subsidy of 50% of the individual cost of £200

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING would probably be held at Colets during the British Open Masters