

Agenda
Venue - Ipswich Sports Club
Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 7pm - 8.15pm

Apologies: Ali Livingstone, Josh Turmel, Nick Ramsay, Lisa Perkins,

Present: Alec Livingstone (AL), Emily Ison (EI), Liam Hicks (LH), Colin Gebhard (CG), Chris Lockwood (CL), Mick Castleton (MC), Felix Rothermel (FR), Sarah Bartley (SB), Stu Lipscombe (SL), Tony Russell (TR) and Mel Padmore (MP).

- Proposed Governance for 2018/19: Chairman (Ali Livingstone), Vice Chairman (Chris Lockwood), County & League Secretary (Alec Livingstone), Treasurer (Kristian Day), Head Coach (Emily Ison), Player Representative (Nick Ramsey), Communications (Chris Lockwood).
- Club & Coach Engagement.
- Communication: WhatsApp, website, social, posters, safe guarding.
- Participation/Grassroots.
- Inter-County Teams.
- Winter & Summer League Format.
- Sponsorship / Fund-raising / Bursaries.
- New Junior Inter-Club League.
- Events: Senior & Junior Closed structure, Training, Inter-County.

CL – Confirmed that Will Pearmain is the new coach at Moreton Hall from May 2018, with George Stammers and Isac Andersson as assistant coaches.

MP – New coaching team at Martlesham under the guidance of Josh Turmel is progressing well. Assistant coaches are Robin Philips, Nick Ramsey and Mel Padmore.

EI – Reminded ALL coaches about safe guarding within each club and the need to be officially registered via the England Squash website. No registration = no coaching for the County.

KD – Setup a new WhatsApp group for news only. Key contacts from each club to contribute to news/content.

SL – Suggested that we create a County player registration to build a database of keen players. This will then support our senior County teams for next season.

SL + Others – Asked if Div 2 & 3 scoring can change to 11 rather 15. Often matches are too long causing very late evenings.

FR – Team captains need to begin team matches 'on time' to avoid penalties. AL to reiterate this rule and ensure teams are aware.

KD + Others – Change the general format of the teams to be 'four-man' and adjust the scoring to accommodate the fewer matches; every point should count! This would shorten the evenings and ensure more matches and every point is competed for, and more variety for players to play against. Possible trial for Winter 18/19.

KD – Should we remove the need for home teams to provide food post-match.
SL – Only players should referee matches. Not non-players/visitors.
EI – County to support Trimly (Brackenbury) via Peter Cloud due to match fees being too expensive to be sustainable. KD to touch base with Peter Cloud.
MC – New County posters to be created so we can display in ALL courts locations to drive activity amongst those who are not part of the County setup.
SL – Suggested split the Senior County Closed from the Masters to encourage more players to enter both events.
KD – Suggested we resurrect the senior County Training. EI to put together a schedule of dates. Contribution from players to cover costs.
EI – We need a grand presentation evening separate to the AGM.
CG - Link County Closed results into Squash Levels. AL advised this can be done manually but for next year we should look to link automatically.
SL – Asked if we could run another refereeing course in Suffolk. CL to advise of contact.

AOB Questions:

CL - Can Suffolk support Will to kick start his new programme? EI suggested some help.
AL – Entry forms for Summer league to be distributed.
KD – Super Cup finals at Lexden on Saturday 21st April.
KD - 21st May AGM.