

Suffolk SRA AGM
Held at Ipswich Sports Club
Monday, May 15th, 2019

1. Present: Kris Day, Ali Livingstone, Emily Ison, Alec Livingstone, Ryan Betts, Ashley Burton, John van Heuman, Steve Snelling
2. Apologies: Chris Lockwood, Kev Balaam, Hilary Logan
3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, May 21st 2018 were presented and accepted. All 'Matters Arising' are dealt with below.
4. Treasurer's Report: See attached report
5. Reports from County Captains: We only had an O35 team last season. Stumpy, Stu Lipscombe, Ash Burton, etc. Had one (not too successful) day at Purley against Herts and Bucks. Next season hope to run a Men's, O35 and Ladies'
6. Junior Report.
 - a) U11, U13 & U15 Girls made national trophy finals and finished 2nd. U13 girl missed the main finals by 1 point and a questionable ES ruling.
 - b) U13 Boys made the national finals the first ever boys teams to make a final following in the footsteps of the girls the year previous.
 - c) 12 Bursaries distributed this year
 - d) Future Plans
 - a) ISC will host and revamp the Suffolk School Games July 2019
 - b) New Super County Proposal
7. League.
 - a. The Div 1 format was changed for the Winter League. The problem was that there were only considered to be 4 viable Div 1 teams – Lexden, Martlesham, Moreton Hall and Ipswich. Chris Lockwood came up with a 1A/1B format which initially a lot of players liked although enthusiasm dropped off by the end. It's a problem that won't go away.
 - b. We attempted to get the benefit of enhanced County rebate from ES by ensuring all League players were registered. The mechanics of proving it meant it wasn't worth the effort.
 - c. Results – Summer 2018; Div 1 – Moreton Hall1 , Div 2 – Lexden 2. Winter 2018/19; Div 1 – Lexden 1A, Div 2 – Ipswich 2, Div 3 – Wick Lodge.
 - d. There was a very disappointing turn out for the Super League, excellently hosted by Lexden. Lexden 1B won the end of season Div 1, Moreton Hall 2 won the Div 2 cup, Wick Lodge the Div 3 cup.
 - e. The Super Cup will go back to rotating through the Clubs although it was felt that Ipswich was a preferred location because of its central situation.
 - f. The outgoing League Secretary thanked his sub-committee for their help throughout the season – always quick to respond to queries – Anselm Gurney, John van Heumen and Ali Livingstone.

8. England Squash Report

- a. England Squash soldiers on although from the Counties' point of view they seem to be completely out of touch with what is going on outside the North of England.
- b. ES continue to push the player package which isn't bad but most club players aren't aware of its existence or that they probably have it already.
- c. Sport England has changed the metric used to calculate sport funding which now relies on coaches developing new programmes. Not clear that coaches know that.
- d. The software debacle continues. ES continue to push Club Locker which is useless. The European Federation insists on Tournament Software which works but isn't very user friendly. In the meantime Sporty HQ and League Master have worked hard to improve their products and both are now pretty good. My current preference is now for League Master – it's British, part of the LM League family with links into the player ranking system. They are offering a county wide licence which could be used by any club free of charge.

9. Election of Committee. Ali Livingstone stepped down as Chairman and Alec Livingstone stepped down as League/County Secretary with the recommendation to elect John van Heuman who has been co-opted to get the Summer League up and running

The newly elected committee is:

Chairman: Alec Livingstone

Vice Chairman: Kris Day

County Secretary: John van Heuman

Treasurer: Kristian Day

League Secretary: John van Heuman

County Coach: Emily Ison

Ordinary Members: Chris Lockwood, Sarah Bartley

The League Secretary will be assisted by a sub committee yet to be announced.

The Chairman will handle the strategic relationship with England Squash and the County Association Network – the County Secretary will handle the day to day relationship with England Squash.

10. Presentation of trophies. The Winter League Divisional trophies were presented during the Super Cup.

11. AOB

- a. John Goodrich again gets a mention in AOB – representing England O65 at the recent Masters international.
- b. It was agreed to pass on the County's (belated) good wishes to Mike Hegarty.
- c. There was a request for a County age group event.
- d. There was a request for a region-wide Junior league – Ash Burton to investigate

Alec Livingstone
County Secretary
May 16, 2019

Suffolk Squash & Racketball
Treasurers Report to Council for 2018 AGM

Summary

Cash reserves currently stand at £4.6k which includes a surplus of £260 for the year. Our main aim this year has been to consolidate any expense and ensure that any activity we run generates something towards the costs involved.

Inter County Competition

Due to a poor showing across most Senior teams we have reduced our outgoings significantly.

Website Expense

Nothing of note apart from our annual hosting fees and general website maintenance.

Regional Forum/ES Funding

Suffolk received £1,180 from the England Squash via the Regional Forum which has supported our Bursary scheme. However, we do need to redirect some of this funding to Development for both Juniors and Seniors and not purely on grassroots activity.

'Grass Root' Programme - Bursary Scheme

Ten bursaries have been created with a value of £100 each. These have been allocated to ten juniors who require additional help such as 1-2-1 coaching to develop and importantly keep them being active. This will be reviewed annually and all progress reported back in due course.

Events: Junior & Senior Closed Championships, Harrow Cup, Under 11

These have been very well supported and as a result has generated enough income to cover the cost of running said events. Extra funding support was granted to the Under 11 girls team due their fantastic achievement of reaching the National Finals.

League Fees

These are crucial to our strong financial position and bring in £1,750 per annum for both the summer and Winter seasons.