

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.
 - 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 we had to forego the enhanced rebate.
 - 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 with ever diminishing resources. As a county we have had several conversations throughout the year.
- 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. Tournament software development continues. ES continue to push Club Locker which has yet to prove its value. 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. Our 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