

YORK AND DISTRICT SQUASH LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 30 May 2012 at 7:00pm at York RI

Minutes

Apologies

1. Apologies for absence were received from John Preston, Alistair Rainier and Mark Smales.

Minutes from previous AGM

2. These were approved.

Chairman's statement

3. Andy talked about the disciplinary issues that we had seen this year and reminded everyone that behaviour of this sort was not acceptable and that we would take strong action against further breaches. He asked for club captains and representatives to remind their players of the important of complying with the England Squash and Racketball Code of Conduct.

Secretary's report

4. Marc provided a brief overview of the season. This had gone very well for the most part, with lots of competitive squash. The number of cancelled games had reduced following the introduction of 20 point fines for not fulfilling a fixture.

5. The league winners were:

Division 1	Wigginton
Division 2	RI 2
Division 3	David Lloyd
Division 4	RI 4
Division 5	Students 2

Treasurer's report.

6. John said that the league finances were again in a healthy state with around £2,000 in the bank. Our expenditure and income for 2011/12 were almost identical.
7. We talked about areas where we might spend some of our money. We agreed that we would support junior initiatives. There was also interest in a refereeing course.

Election of committee

8. The current committee was happy to continue. This leaves the officers as Andy Tuck (Chairman), Marc Thomas (Secretary), John Fletcher (Treasurer) and Rod Erridge (Fixtures Secretary). The other committee members are David Hick, Alistair Rainier, John Preston and Brian Godson. [David Potter later said he was also happy to be involved, which was welcomed by the committee.]

Update to Constitution and Rules

9. We talked about whether we should move to the point-a-rally (PAR) scoring system. There was some interest in this, but also some concerns that the games would be too short. We agreed that we couldn't see sufficient benefits to change the system.
10. We also discussed the qualifying rules for registered players. Players currently had to play two games in the season to be able to play in the last four matches. This was designed to stop teams bringing in outside players for important games. We thought that this could be strengthened to having to play three games in the season to be able to play in the last six matches. This would only apply in Division 1.
11. Malcolm Holmes noted the disruption caused by teams failing to fulfil a fixture. We agreed that the home captain should confirm the fixture at least a week before the match, and that the away captain should confirm how many players would be staying for food. At least 3 people are needed to fulfil a fixture.

Action: Marc to update the Rules on the web site.

League structure for next year

12. We discussed the league structure for next year. Brian Godson made the case for David Lloyd to be promoted from Division 3 to 1, and David Potter the case for the Students 2nd team to be promoted from Division 5 to 3. These proposals were accepted by majority.

13. There were also new teams being entered from Malton and Students. No teams had dropped out. Selby were still considering whether they wished to be promoted to Division 1.

Action: Selby to inform Marc on their wishes by the end of June.

14. The committee would consider the final entries and re-balance the divisions as necessary.

15. Rod had compiled some provisional fixtures which are available at <http://www.resultszone.com/cgi-bin/resultszone.cgi/yorkdistrict?ucid=ViewLeagueTable> . Teams are asked to check these and let Rod know whether any dates need changing.

Action: All teams to consider fixtures and let Rod know of any changes.

Any other business

16. The York Open would run from Sunday 27 January to Saturday 2 February 2013. We agreed that we would try and run the Open and Veterans events simultaneously this year. Both York (Clifton Park) and RI were happy to hold the event. Wigginton could provide courts for any overspill.

17. Brian Godson offered to help with the Riley Cup handicaps next year. He joins Marc and Rod.

18. Andy thanked Marc and Rod for all their hard work. He proposed that the Secretary's honorarium should be raised to £300. This was accepted unanimously.