**York & District Squash League**

**AGM2018 : Minutes**

**May 11th 2018 19:30 Wiggington Squash Club**

Apologies : John Fletcher, Mark Smales, Marc Thomas, Rod Erridge

Attendance :

Chris Lennox (York)
Nick Clifford (Wigginton)
Gus Clapham (Wigginton)
Anthony Baines (Stillington)
Nick Peel (Stillington)
Michael Williams (Stillington)
Alaistair Dick (Pocklington)
Steve Everitt (Malton)
Alex Thorpe (University Students)
Sam Cliff (University Students)
Darren Mould (Dunnington)
Andrew Mansfield (Thornton Le Dale)
Chris Codrai (Wigginton)
Ian Ball (York & District)

Secretary’s report : No Queries

Treasurer’s report : Evolve Data cost is for results submission software.

Election of Officers : Chairman - No candidates
 Secretary - Ian Ball (elected)
 Committee - Rod Erridge (Fixtures), Steve Everitt

Discussion Items

1. Return to 5 player teams in Divison1 **PASSED**
	* For 3 Against 3 Abstentions 2 Casting vote by chair foras three div 1 teams not in attendance had also requested to return to five. (YRI1, 2 and DL1)
2. Division 1 scoring to move to PAR 15 to prolong matches **NOT PASSED**
	* No support from Division 1 teams for a return to HiHo or Par-15 scoring.
3. Restrict playing up from a lower team in the same division **NOT PASSED**
	* Long discussion. The advantage is obvious and should be discouraged but the mechanics maybe difficult to implement with our current results software.
	For investigation by the Committee and to return to the next AGM.
4. Fixed home start night and update arrival time guides **NOT PASSED**
	* Staggered start court times are not to be taken into account when confirming the fixture start time. The first available court time is the official start time. The guidelines currently within the League Rules then apply.
5. Saturday evening is not available for division 1 home night.**PASSED**
	* A rule not held in the current rules set, passed at AGM and to be entered into the League Rules published on the district website.
6. Club nominations to be in ‘Squash Levels’ order refreshed weekly.
	* 1. Too many variables for team captains to be confident team order is accurate on match night.**NOT PASSED**
		2. Squash Levels used as a tool by the Committee to ensure nominations are in merit order at the nomination submission periods. **PASSED**
7. Clubs withdrawing a team should withdraw the bottom team and all teams should play up. **NOT PASSED**
	* 1. Whilst a team withdrawing is unfortunate and discouraged, if a top team is withdrawn, teams playing up will find mismatch in standard.
		2. A team withdrawn mid season should have all points scored against them removed to give a true representation of the league standing. The effect on player rankings on squash levels would be considerable and so this was not passed.
8. Nominated players are ineligible for 2nd half of the season if they don’t play in the 1st half. **PASSED**
	* Players who do not play in the first half of the season must apply to the secretary to compete in the second half of the season.
	This is to stop teams strengthening lower teams by nominating players who will not play for the top team then rely on filling the top team with players playing up from the lower team.
9. Bridlington to be removed from the Leagues due to travel distance and inflated league position. **NOT PASSED**
	* The league constitution states:
	“Any club within approximately a 20-mile radius of York may apply to enter a team, at the discretion of the Committee.”
	Bridlington, Kirkbymoorside and Thornton Le Dale all fall outside this distance representing 20% of the league. Secretary to contact Bridlington to encourage flexibility; however Bridlington are to be encouraged to remain in the league.
10. Clubs with more than one team playing on the same day must play in nomination order **PASSED**
	* Two teams playing on the same day are to be in nomination order without prior consent from the secretary.

Competitions

* York Open 2018 to be held before the 2018-19 season, early September 2018
* The York Open 2019 will be held in the usual February period.
* Vets and Vintage will run at Wigginton Squash Club under the care of Nick Clifford.
* Riley Cup 2018 to be held over Summer with a final set for early September 2018

Team Entries 2018-19

* Entry by Friday June 7th. Fee is held at £25 per team, payable before the season.

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* GDPR. C.Lennox asked that the secretary ensure compliance with the new data protection regulations for the league itself and any third parties the league engages.
* Fixtures. N.Clifford asked for a joint approach to fixtures from the Y&D and the York Women’s Squash Leagues. Ideally a gap in both sets of fixtures to allow the holding of club competitions would be appreciated.
* Website promotion. The website is dormant and should be updated more regularly. The secretary to encourage clubs to promote their activities on the district site.

Meeting close : 21.30 Date of next meeting : After 2018-19 season is complete.

*Thanks to Wigginton Squash and Social Club for hosting.*