

Minutes of the Dundee & District Squash Rackets Association
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 17th April 2007
at
Fort Hotel/Bar

Apologies

1. Present-6 committee members, 22 squash players.
2. Minutes of Previous AGM – Tuesday 17th April 2006 were approved.
3. Matters arising from Minutes- none
4. Reports on behalf of the Management Committee as follows:
 - 4.1. President's Report – David Gordon. 3 members are coming off the committee. Dave thanked Nick van Dome (in his absence) for his 3 years as men's league secretary and for all his work on the web-site. Pat Tulley is retiring having done a super job on the committee for 8 years (with her husband Mark doing 8 years previous to that) and Dave gave special thanks to her. Rona McCraw has also contributed 8 years and Dave thanked her and her hard work for squash was recognised A presentation was made to both ladies. Dave also thanked all the ladies who had helped make the individual tournament a success. The knockout cup on 18/03/07 was a great success and thanks were given to Graeme, Pat, Sue and Rona. Charlie was thanked for his great work as treasurer and the healthy bank balance. Thanks were given to Stuart Smith (Foot Factory) for sponsorship. David expressed appreciation for the Courier which printed a total of 22 reports over the season. The sportsmanship of all the players was commended. Dave commented on the fact that the leagues continue to shrink as they have done since 1989/90. The men have decreased from 5 divisions and 54 teams to 3 divisions and 20 teams. The ladies have shrunk form 3 divisions/ 33 teams to 2 divisions and 13 teams. Dave canvassed ideas for advertising / improving the profile of squash and wondered whether more could be done to encourage younger players. Exhibition matches were suggested and everyone was asked to try to come up with ideas. It would be good to halt the decline and reverse the trend.
 - 4.2. Treasurer's Report – Charlie Hood- the treasurer's report was available. The accounts are to be audited by Aileen Don . Charlie reported a very healthy balance.
 - 4.3. Men's League Report – Nick van Dome. In division 1, Nick marked the demise of Montrose. Division 2 was won by Town and Gown for the 2nd year. The top slot of division 3 was a thriller between North Fife and Forthill with North Fife coming out on top.
 - 4.4. Ladies League Report –Pat Tulley – Few teams have been managing to field a full team every week. NUH 1 did the double winning the 1st division league and the knockout cup. Brechin won division 2 and North Fife the cup plate. There are 1 or 2 teams who have intimated that they will not be entering teams next year.
5. Election of Office BearersA letter was read out from Nick van Dome thanking the committee for their support, commending dave Gordon for his commitment to squash and wishing everyone all the best as he resigns from the committee.
 - 5.1. President – Dave Gordon, proposed by Charlie Hood, seconded by everyone present!
 - 5.2. Secretary-Jennifer McArtney, proposed by DG, seconded by Sue Campbell.
 - 5.3. Treasurer- Charlie Hood, proposed by Dg, seconded by Steve.
 - 5.4. Men's League Secretary- Graeme Patullo, proposed by DG, seconded by JM.
 - 5.5. Ladies League Secretary/Custodian of Trophies- Sue Campbell, proposed by DG, seconded by Rona McCraw.
 - 5.6. Other Members- no one else volunteered.
6. Subscriptions for 2008/2009. Charlie proposed that as the bank balance is very healthy, subs remain the same i.e. £40 per team or £50 if not paid by the end of September. DG seconded this and it was agreed.
7. Any Other Business
 - 8.1 Alison Blackwell brought up that Fife council charge for courts not cancelled 7 days in advance and that late call offs from visiting teams have left them to pay in full. Town and Gown have the same problem. It was felt that teams would be unlikely to know availability that far in advance so it was agreed that Ewan Black would supply the name of the Fife Council contact to Jennifer McArtney and she would contact them to plead for a relaxation of this rule (Individuals who book and St Andrews courts which are also Fife Council allow call off with 24 hr notice).
 - 8.2 The format of next years men's league was discussed. The committee will have to decide once the entry forms have been returned and we know how many teams have to be accommodated but it was noted that in favour of 3 divisions Ken Daly said it made it more competitive and Alistair Easton said a 3rd division may allow junior and in-experienced players a chance to play. In principle the majority voted for 2 divisions knowing that the final decision will be made by the committee.
 - 8.3 Website. Marking sheets will be available to down load from the website and Graeme encouraged all captains to return results by e-mail.
8. Presentation of Trophies

Quiz Night/ Raffle to follow after AGM all welcome.