

Minutes of 2010 AGM of Dundee and District Squash Rackets Association.

4th May 2010, Fort Bar, Broughty Ferry.

Apologies: Bruce Melville, David Pert, Robin Reyner, Alistair Easton, Lindsay Cargill, Gary Johnstone, David Williams, Lisa Respinger, Linda Bruce and Brechin ladies, Marion Paton and Cupar ladies, Hope Stewart, Jackie Brown, Irene Morrison, Claire Craik, and Tom Adams.

Present: Dave Gordon, Bob Wyllie, Sue Campbell, Jennifer McArtney, Pauline Keus, Chris Willcx, Drew Bell, Jan Parkinson, Jenny McTavish, Jim Dunlop, Doug Bald, Nick Cunningham, Ken Daly, Sheila Haggart, Susan Anderson, cath Lochlane, Matt Shaw, Gregor Newton, Sue Stewart, Claire Grey, Gillian Crawford, 4 from North Fife.

Minutes from last year were agreed and seconded.

Matters arising / presidents report.

- Bells set up is working ok with 5 teams in the same club.
- To host the Stonehaven master's event as previously, the DDSRA would need to join Scottish Squash. To date there is no category that would allow the district to join.
- The individual tournament was held in February with a good increase in the number of entrants.
- The cup finals were again held at Forthill. This venue is felt to be central with good viewing but the committee is open to comments or suggestions for next year.
- Dave thanked the committee of 5 who attended all days of the indiv tournie and the cup finals.
- The bank account is very healthy and the district would like to be able to give back to the clubs. The indiv tournie cost £473.77, we would accept suggestions of what teams would like in the packs.
- There has only been one instance of a team being un-contactable but the next season form will have space for 2 contact people.
- There have been no comments re a manpower-like tournament.
- Bob will continue to develop the web site.
- Dave thanked all of the committee for their work.

Treasurers report.

This was detailed on attached sheet and explained by Jennifer McArtney. It was accepted by Nick Cunningham and seconded by Matt Shaw.

Match Secretary reports were given by Sue Campbell and Bob Wyllie.

Dave Gordon announced that Sue Campbell is to retire from the committee. He said that she has been super-efficient, with a great personality, and will continue to help the committee. He thanked her and presented her with flowers and a trinket box.

Web site report.

Bob Wyllie reported that the web site has been ticking over. There have been some problems with the ladies leagues due to the split mid-season. He intends to re-build the web site. Dave requested individual player stats but this would mean all players being logged. The forum is poorly used and Bob asked if we wanted it to continue. Dave would like a place for news items. Bob is open to ideas, please contact him for example individual club news area.

Bruce Melville is resigning from the committee. Dave thanked him for all his help especially marking at the individual tournament and cup finals.

Election of office bearers.

position	nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
chairman	David Gordon	Nick Cunningham	Ken Daly
treasurer	Jennifer McArtney	Dave Gordon	Sue Campbell
secretary	Jennifer McArtney	Dave Gordon	Sue Campbell
Mens league sec	David Williams	Sue Campbell	Jennifer McArtney
Ladies league sec	Lisa Respinger	David Gordon	Jan Parkinson
Tournament / cups	Bob Wyllie	David Gordon	Matt Shaw
Web site	Bob Wyllie	David Gordon	Matt Shaw
Ordinary member	Gary Johnstone	Ken Daly	David Gordon

League Subscriptions

Dave Gordon proposed that these stayed the same at £40 per team per season (£50 for late payment). Susan Anderson seconded this proposal.

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Nick Cunningham- expressed disappointment that fees were still outstanding.
Jennifer – it is only one club but 3 teams and they will not be allowed to play next year if this hasn't been paid.

Nick Cunningham-relating to the previous presentation from Scottish Squash, what is the current position with DDSRA?
Sue Campbell- the district have asked SS for a fee for the district to affiliate but this is not an option and ss require individual clubs to join at a cost dependant on the number of players.

Matt Shaw- said that central league was perhaps to fold and that SS wanted £400 for NUH which had 15 members. Players have joined as individuals. Their club felt there were few benefits for the money and that SS were not willing to be flexible.

Nick Cunningham- said he is keen to support SS but understands the position. He stated that the chief executive of SS has changed so it may be worth enquiring again soon. The committee will look to perhaps arranging another meeting with SS.

DDSRA has funds and would look to support junior tournaments or coaching.

It was thought that Mark Beaumont would be an appropriate coach.

Sue Stewart suggested liasing with SS.

It was pointed out that local volunteers are needed too.

After discussion, it was agreed that in the event of a team cancelling and conceding a match the other team would get points of 18-0.

Matt Shaw-asked if the scoring system for matches could be changed to American or point a rally (PAR). He felt it would give quicker matches at Bells. It could be played to 15 or 11. It was decided that opinion would be canvassed on the web site and that the ladies may differ from the men.

Jan Parkinson- wondered whether some form of handicapping could be applied to ladies matches where the best teams played some of the weakest.

Sue felt this was too hard to administer and pointed out that the matches were far more competitive in the second half.

The meeting was closed by Dave Gordon and the prize giving and quiz night took place.