

Dundee & District Squash Rackets Association

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 28th May 2013 at 7.15pm

Forthill Sports Club

Apologies, Nick Cunningham, Zorbey Turkalp, Duncan Rear, Keith Cameron, Fraser Mulford, Renny McAllister, Iain Gordon, Elaine Duncan, Sue Beaumont, Kath Halley, Gillian Crawford, Gary Johnstone.

Minutes of Previous AGM – Tuesday 15th May 2012. The minutes were proposed by David Gordon and seconded by Sue Stewart.

Matters arising from Minutes- none

Reports on behalf of the Management Committee as follows:

Jennifer McArtney **Presidents report** for DDSRA AGM 28th May 2013

It has been a good season overall with lots of competitive squash and I will leave it to the match secretaries to report on the main events. There have been far less contentious issues than last year and I hope that revising the rules helps further.

We had hoped that setting the date and putting it on the website early would help the arrangements for the individual tournament and knockout cup finals but most events of the individuals did not take place as planned with the first weekend chosen only having 6 entries to the men's open event and 3 ladies to the ladies handicap event.

I decided that the men's handicap would go ahead but despite looking like healthier numbers, there were only 8 of us (and that included 2 women!). The event was held on 1 day with a format of 2 leagues of 4 dividing into a league of the 2 winners from each and a league of 2 losers. It was won by Chris Thistlethwaite of Dundee University beating Robert Mulligan in the final by 2 games to nil, 15-11 and 17-15. It was a good format that gave everybody lots of games with very little time off court.

I tried to add the men's open and ladies competitions to the knockout final weekend but there were very few people who were available so it didn't go ahead.

St Andrews university players who have supported the tournament so well in the past have left the area (they have previously made up half of the entrants)

I plan to try to run something in late November but would appreciate suggestions in order to retain a competition where the best players can be recognised.

Scottish Squash have run the Tayside junior tournament at Forthill and propose to hold the old Stonehaven Masters (which has moved around since the Stonehaven courts closed) there in September. It would be good to have as many of our areas over 35 year old players enter.

I think that along with SS policy of encouraging court use by people playing racketball and to encourage more people to play squash the funds of DDSRA should be used where needed to promote the game. I think that we should buy at least one racketball kit (rackets, balls and eye protection) that would be

available to have at open events at clubs and that we should support any open days, taster sessions, and coaching clinics that any clubs organise. The lack of qualified coaches is an ongoing problem and I think that we should support anyone willing to do the qualification and facilitate their using it throughout the area. Do you agree? Thank you to the committee.

Robert Mulligan suggested making an electronic flyer for the individual tournament to help advertise it. He offered help to make one for any forthcoming event.

It was suggested that “dummy” matches could be put on resultszone for the individual tournament results.

It was agreed to try to run the individual tournament in November (by running it before the end of 2013 there would still be a winner for 2013 on each trophy. Sue Stewart said that Scottish Squash run group refereeing courses.

Treasurer’s Report – Fiona Watson presented the accounts for the year.

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Income and Expenditure 29th March 2012- 13th March 2013

Income

	2012/2013	To be banked 2013/2014
Subscriptions 2012-13	£1,200	£110
Individual Tournament Entry Fees		£60
T-Shirts		
Cup Finals		
Interest on Current account		
Total	£1,200	£170

Expenditure

	2012/2013	To come off 2013/2014
Web site Magdalen Green	£150	
Resultzone	£150	
Individual tournament	£125	£16.60
Courts £125		

Balls £0 Hospitality £16.60		
Cup Finals Trophy engraving £100 Courts £70 (arrears 2011/2012) Hospitality £25 Courts 2012/2013 £85 Prizes 2012/2013 £31.50	£195	£85 £31.50
AGM (in arrears 2011/2012) Buffet £60 Gifts £71.89	£131.89	
Total	£751.89	£133.10

Current Assets

Balance of Current Account 29th March 2012: £5173.54

Profit 2012/2013: £448.11

Balance of Current Account 13th March 2013: **£5621.65**

Outstanding fees: 2 teams

Cash in hand: £0

Ken Daly thought that the cost of the web site for 2012 was very expensive. It was explained that this included the set up and the yearly fee is £150. It was agreed that this is very competitive.

Men's Match League Report – David Williams announced the winners of the 2 men's leagues.

Suggestions were made to try to avoid the problem of teams not being available for the knockout finals weekend. Having the finals scheduled on a Tuesday evening was vetoed as most people feel that the full day of lots of teams is something that they want to continue. It was suggested that the knockout first rounds could start before the Christmas break and the finals weekend be before the last matches of the season. It was suggested that the season could start earlier in mid Sept but that will be decided once the committee knows how many teams are entering the leagues.

Ladies match League Report - Elaine Duncan Ladies league report for AGM 28th May 2013

Elaine gives her apologies and regrets that an unexpected work placement means that she is unable to attend the AGM.

The ladies league was saddened by the withdrawal of the teams from Glenalmond, Brechin, and Crieff 2 but welcomed Dollar to the league following the folding of a central ladies league. There were therefore 7 rather than the previous seasons 9 teams competing in 1 league.

Crieff dominated again and did the double of league and knockout cup for the second year running. They held David Lloyd to second in both events.

The individual tournament had only 3 entries on each of the dates that it tried to run so was postponed.

Thank you to Elaine for the smooth working of the fixtures this year and for her contribution to the committee.

It was suggested that additional matches are added to the ladies fixtures if there are only 7 teams involved.

Web Site Report – Iain Gordon sent his apologies but reported that everything was running smoothly. Jennifer stated that information sent to Iain is added to the web site extremely quickly and thanked Iain for his hard work.

Election of Office Bearers

Position	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Jennifer McArtney	David Williams	David Gordon
Minute secretary	No nominees		
Treasurer	Ken Daly	Jennifer McArtney	David Williams
Men's match secretary	David Williams	Jennifer McArtney	Lewis Honeyman
Ladies Match secretary	Elaine Duncan	Susan Stewart	Susan Anderson
Web site co- ordinator	Robert Mulligan	David Williams	Ken Daly
Ordinary members	Zorbey Turkalp	Volunteered for re- election	
	Ross Nicholson	Volunteered	
	Matt Shaw	Volunteered	
	Steve Robertson	Volunteered	
	Tricia Watson	Volunteered	

	Gordon Logan	Volunteered	
	Billy Bain	His kind teammates	I will confirm if he wishes to be on the committee. He declined!!
Gary Johnstone			

Scottish Squash – John Dunlop was not invited to attend. Gary was not available to report on Forthill’s experience of the club being affiliated to Scottish Squash

Squash development / use of funds. It was agreed that funds should be made available for clubs for development. Attendees were asked to canvas their club members for anyone who wanted to do coaching qualifications.

Proposed changes to rules for league matches. These were proposed By Matt Shaw and seconded by Tricia Watson. The issues of whether a re-arranged match should only be awarded 15-0 maximum points was voted down by 10 votes to 4 in favour of the result being 18-0. It was decided that new players could be included in a team roster 2 weeks (rather than 4 weeks) before the end of the season by 11 to 6.

Feedback on league format – David Williams indicated that there are 2 teams who wish to be added to league one for next season. One is Montrose whose courts have been closed for 2 seasons who would return with the same team as they had prior to the closure. The other is a new Perth team. It was agreed that no decision can be made until the committee knows how many teams are entering the leagues for next season. The possibility of playoffs was muted.

Knockout cup / Individual tournaments. See above.

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Matt Shaw asked about teams having 4 rather than 5 players as standard. The consensus of those present was that we would stay with teams of 5.

Sue Stewart of Crieff brought up the matter of post-match hospitality and whether this could be discontinued. They have lots of young players, who cannot go to bars for hospitality and long travel time. It was felt that the socializing was a big part of the evening but that Crieff could arrange things match by match and that Elaine could include something to indicate this in the ladies handbook.

Matt Shaw expressed his objection to the 2 tier league fees. It was agreed to look at the structure of our member clubs to see how they matched the model presumed by Scottish Squash and therefore how feasible it is to expect our teams to be affiliated to SS. This will be discussed at the first committee meeting.

Presentation of Trophies