

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Warwickshire Squash

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Date of Committee Meeting 17th May 2023

Date of Next Meeting ???

ATTENDEES

NAME	ROLE	Present (Y/N)
Mo Sarwar (MS)	Committee Chair	Y
Roger More (RM)	League Secretary	Y
Chris Hall (CH)	Liaison Officer	Y
Bhawna Singh (BS)	Junior Chair	Y
Leonie Holt (LH)	Ladies Captain	Y
Sam Miller (SM)	Men's Captain	Y
Steve Page (SP)	Treasurer	Y
Andy Murray (AM)	Masters Captain	Y

1	Outstanding Actions from Previous Meeting
Carried forward. See action log at bottom of the document	

2	Juniors Report (CH /BS)
We had more junior teams entered in the inter counties than any other county, 14 and only missing age was under 19. We had two winning teams and 8 juniors playing for their national team and playing in the world championships. 8 Warwickshire (or surrounding counties) clubs were hosts at inter counties. CH and BS presented a cost proposal for the juniors to cover the 2023/24 season, including a lead county coach who would be paid on a monthly basis. The committee agreed to a £2500 budget for the juniors which would be topped up by an expected £2000 in sponsorship and income through training sessions etc.	

BS and CH to start the recruitment process for the lead coach
BS to produce a sponsorship agreement document for SP to look over

3	Inter County
SM informed that the men's team finished runners up to a strong Kent side. Players to be reminded of the need to keep a balance between socialising and performance. LH reported that the ladies' side had become national champions. Such is the strength in depth that it may be considered to enter two sides next season. She apologised to team players not wearing team shirts which had been ordered in time but not delivered. Masters. We retained the men's over 35 and Sam helped Chris for stepping in to assist. Andy outlined that the 45 and 55 had the same issue as last year. Not making the finals and the consolation weekend melting as other counties dropped out, so no matches. Ladies 40 and 50 made it to final weekend and 40 came fourth with 50 coming second. Roger did mention strange set up for 7 teams in ladies playing in groups of 2, 2 and 3 on first weekend. Only positive was less expense occurred to Warwickshire. Costs need to be considered across all categories	

4	Financial Report (SP)
SP had produced a pie chart showing our income and expenditure. Pointed out that the Steve Hubbard legacy was gifted for meaningful investments not to subsidise our annual spend. Therefore, we need to look at increasing income and analysis of our expenditure but thought that the spend on juniors was valid and glad to agree that the budget of £2500 for juniors was a key area. Sponsorship and how to gain it was discussed and we do need to maximise on our success. Roger asked about modern forms of publicity which might help gain sponsors but Leonie pointed out that even SJ Perry doesn't gain much publicity or following even though she's been in the world top ten for years.	

5	League Report (RM)
Roger said that summer league started and had three requests for administration help in the first week. Explained to them what they had to do and why clubs need to look after their own administration. Will look in the next winter league to have three assistant administrators who look after main squash, ladies	

squash and racketball. Any queries would go to to relevant assistant and him which hopefully will yield a future league secretary.

6	Events
Masters County Closed had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. Make up of next years county events to be considered.	

7	Any Other Business
ES Affiliation Chris and Roger had attended the ES Zoom meetings about proposed new affiliation system to start in September. Clubs to be charged £75 per court, maximum 6 and individuals to pay directly to ES. Four standards proposed with rates per annum at zero, £10, £15 and £25 or £30. The latter ES expect counties to insist team players pay. From feedback other counties not happy and ES haven't even finalised details of the alleged top package. Roger had informed ES that if there's good value then we would be able to help sell the concept but so far there's no sign of good value. Roger asked ES by email before the final zoom meeting what percentage Warwickshire would get. No reply. Asked at the meeting and Mark Williams said that they didn't know the cost to them yet of the packages, hence not knowing what counties would get. Mo and Roger to prepare a message to Mark Williams expressing our concerns and would try to make it positive and Roger willing to help ES	

LIST OF ONGOING ACTIONS			
No	Action Description	Responsibility	Status/Target
1	AM to put together sponsorship ideas	AM	Ongoing – present at next meeting
2	Consider ways to reduce expenditure and increase income	ALL	Ongoing –
3	Start recruitment process for lead county coach	BS/CH	-

4	Produce sponsorship agreement document for potential sponsors	BS/SP	
5	Consider plans for next year's county championships	CH/MS	