

ISC Squash AGM 2016

Date: 13 June 2016
Location: Ipswich Sports Club
Present: Kristian Day (KD), Ali Livingstone (AliL), Dick Partridge (DP), Alec Livingstone (AL), Andy Yorke (AY), Nigel Griffiths, Pam McCartney (PM), Frank Turmel (FT), Jan Harms (JH), Tom Goody (TG), Emily Ison (EI), Pascale Cadier (PC)
Apologies: Josh Turmel, Ashley Burton, Vanessa Penn, Maggie Lipscombe
Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Minutes

1. KD introduced everyone to the meeting and reviewed last year's minutes and actions:

Items from last year - ladies only session (Josh is running a Racketball session), more ladies on the committee (Work in progress).

2. Chairman's Report (KD)
 - a. Membership
 - b. Club Play and Super Squash – Club play for both Squash and Racketball going well but could do with a further push to maintain interest, especially with Friday evenings. Super Squash going well.
 - c. Racketball – 5 regular leagues and is going well – run by (AL)
 - d. Futures Fund & Sponsorship – The committee are looking for good projects to invest in. The fund has been well supported. Lucy Turmel has been given some support for her international travelling. The fund looks at Performance and Participation, the latter needs more focus for next season. Sponsorship has gone very well, good work by Kristian for attracting a number of new sponsors. Bristos support is under treat, but KD is working closely with them to keep them onboard as headline sponsors for next season.
 - e. Team Squash – All teams are well supported and competing in their respective Divisions. ISC1 have secured a 3rd consecutive title. 2016/17 season will see a fourth team entered to accommodate demand. Team nights most likely will be Monday/Wednesday and Thursday.
 - f. Court Maintenance – £4.5k spent in 2015 on general court maintenance, with a focus on replacing a floor during 2016. Front external roof drainage pipes have been sorted and drainage now flows out and into the car park.
 - g. Events – Very pleased with the events from Squash inc. Suffolk Closed, England Squash Silver Event, East Anglian Super Cup, PSA Men's Event, Club Championships, Mega Series Event, East Regional County Championships, and both the Harrow Cup and PSA Exhibition are forthcoming. FT said the mega series went well and thank you to the Club for hosting so well. (AliL) Advised that the Silver was a big event for the Club and by delivering this well should hold well in the future. (FT) Felt the Club squash event was one of the best in the UK and from the feedback given to England Squash. ISC likely to have the Silver Event back next year. Super Squash also went very well. Strong view to bring a women's squash event – (AL) felt this may be supported by sponsorship nationally rather than locally.

Club champs went well thanks to the great organisation and support of the members. May Ball needs a refresh although and it was mentioned that maybe 2017 we host a BBQ/Activities day instead of a formal black tie event.

3. Coaching Team Update

KD advised that EI is now the Club Head Pro. This is a new post and the committee feel she is ready to push the programmes on. KD advised that the focus will also be on the base or participation to ensure growth of the programme. KD advised that Lee Drew is also spending more time at ISC and will put time into the coaching and will take the moved from 'Off The Wall Squash' academy based at the Garrison, and brings a huge wealth of experience and connections to our team. He is a Level 4 coach. PM supported the idea of exhibition matches with Women, all felt this was an opportunity for the Club. FT also supported the potential for gaining sponsorship for ladies events. Josh Turmel is our Club coach and has gone down well with members he is taking his level 3 ASAP. Suffolk Squash may support key coaches with their qualifications.

4. Coaching and Junior report – AliL/EI

EI gave thanks to KD, Ali and the Club for given EI the new post. EI went on to advise that a number of Club juniors have gone on to represent their County and have done well in National competitions.

EI is creating a revitalised programme and will present soon. There will be many changes and EI will meet with AY to send out a survey to look at what members would like to see. Overall a lot works so changes will need to be well thought through.

Five school links with three new: Springfield, RHS and St Pancreas. EI building team to support the schools work. EI entering a Women's National Club League Team. Meeting with Ali Furlong scheduled to support the Suffolk Sports Games.

AliL advised that EI will be focusing on all activity including Adults, AliL will be focusing on teams, leagues and competitions – this forms part of the new structure.

AL asked to tie in coaching bookings with the court booking system to minimise any wastage.

5. Nominations and Election of Officers and Committee for 2016

KD advised usually the election is managed on mass. Liam Hicks to be proposed for Junior Rep (Proposed EI and Seconded DP)

- a. VC – AliL will act as Deputy when required.
- b. Ordinary Members: EI, JH, DP, TG, AL, Ashley Burton Jason McPhie

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Squashsize – PC felt this might attract more ladies to the game. PM suggested it be names cardio racketball.

PM asked if a Masters event could be held at ISC? AL advised they are difficult to break into a well-established schedule, and that Racketball may be an easier route.

AY passed on a thanks from the Club Chairman to the Committee for all their hard work and promotion of the section and the Club.

JH advised a number of Clubs are in difficulty and now could be a good time to promote. AY advised that a joining offer with no joining fees is now available. There is also a system whereby juniors are given a guest membership in the first term prior to joining ISC. This works well.

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