

E-2-18/19-1 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

1.1 Attendance

Tom Armstrong	Chairman and Secretary,
Chris Lilley	Treasurer,
Ian Lowrey	
Guy Huxtable	Welfare Officer

1.2 Apologies

Mike Lowrey

E-2-18/19-2 MINUTES OF 29 OCTOBER 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

2.1 Approval of Minutes

The minutes that had not been placed on general circulation at the time of this meeting were reviewed and one change was recommended and made – issue was approved

2.2 Status of Actions

Ref E-1-18/19-1.2 Send a note of thanks to Mark for his service to the Executive Committee – **Tom – Action complete**

Ref E-3-17/18-6.3 Display the County Closed Championship Eligibility Rules on the website
Guy – action still outstanding

Ref E-3-17/18-8.3 County League Rules – complete the update and post on the website
Chris – action in progress.

Ref E-4-17/18-7 Prepare a special Trustee Bye-law to specify membership rules for CSR
Guy – action in progress (Refer to Section 9)

Ref E1-18/19-6 Prepare some guidelines to assist bye-law prep – **Tom – action complete**

Ref E-5-17/18-5 Finalise and get formally audited 2017/2018 Management Accounts
Chris – action in progress

Ref E-1-18/19-7 Contact Jonny to find out if any Junior Teams had been entered into the ES 2018/2019 Inter County Championships – **Tom** – Jonny could not be contacted before the meeting but – **action complete**
(Refer to Section 5.2)

Ref E-1-18/19-7 Check with ES to confirm the new requirement re-entry fees for teams – **Chris – action complete**
(Refer to Section 5.3)

Ref E-1-18/19-10 Follow up with ES to answer queries we have about the ES New Membership and Affiliation system – **Chris – action complete** (Refer to Section 8)

E-2-18/19-3 JUNIOR COUNTY CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jonny has organised the championships for 9 December at Carlisle Squash Club. He issued formal notification, entry form and child protection form to members on 21 November 2018.

E-2-18/19-4 MEN'S & WOMEN'S COUNTY CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Guy has organised the championships for 26 & 27 January 2019 at Carlisle Squash Club. He is in final preparation of the entry form that he will be issuing soon.

E-2-18/19-5 INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.1 Men`s

Entries for Men`s: Senior, Over 55 & Over 65 teams were confirmed

Checks with ES competition calendar shows:

Senior: Stage 1 – 19 & 20 January 2019 and Finals 6 & 7 April

Masters (Over 55 & Over 65): Stage 1 2 & 3 March 2019 and Finals 22 & 23 June.

5.2 Juniors

Jonny was contacted during the meeting and no junior teams have been entered. He had contacted potential players but there was insufficient support to field any teams. This is very disappointing.

5.3 ES New Entry Fee Requirement

Chris has confirmed with ES that entry fees are now required for each IC team – we still need to pay for our teams – **Chris**

E-2-18/19-6 ACADEMY COACHING

Sessions have been underway since the start of the season. Support for them is low.

Details of attendance will be prepared to give us some background information on which to base discussion on the future of the activity - **Ian**.

Ian reports a valid comment has been made on the short notice of the sessions given to juniors – this will be given consideration in the second half of the season to spread them out and give players adequate notice of them. Hopefully this will be contributory to increasing attendance. In addition, Guy will help Gavin with some advice on promoting the sessions to the juniors - **Guy**

E-2-18/19-7 SOUTH AFRICAN KNIGHTS

Visits to Windscale and Carlisle Clubs have been confirmed – Windscale 5 January 2019 & Carlisle 6 January

We have been advised by Joe Richardson, tour organiser, that because of potential rail strikes and the fact that the lads are too young for car hire they have problems in getting from Durham to Cumbria on 5 Jan – could we help in any way?

The answer was yes – the Executive Committee has agreed that we will help by organising and financing a minibus to collect them at Durham, on 5 Jan and transporting them to Windscale and then transporting them from there to Carlisle Club on 6 Jan. Tom has advised all concerned about this which has been accepted with thanks. He has booked the minibus.

E-2-18/19-8 ES NEW MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATION SYSTEM

Chris has received the following document from ES “A COUNTY ASSOCIATION GUIDE TO QUALIFYING FOR THE COUNTY ENHANCED REBATE” and has discussed various aspects of it with ES. This has revealed that our interpretation of the guidelines from earlier information was wrong and has potentially serious implications to us and our members - we need a total rethink. **Chris** will be guiding us into this

E-2-18/19-9 RULES FOR CSR MEMBERSHIP

A lengthy discussion was held on this taking into consideration Tom`s draft guidelines (See section 2.2), the new ES 3 directive about mandating County League players and the long standing ES requirements that Inter County Team players must be members of ES - requirements we did not incorporate in our first attempt at the rules

We could not come to a final agreement and Chris volunteered to prepare second draft rules taking into account all aspects discussed - for review by the committee. – **Chris**

E-2-18/19-10 COACHING SUPPORT FOR WIGTON CLUB

Wigton club has made a request for us to approve continuation of the work Gavin did last season coaching juniors at various clubs – paid for by the County. We said at the start of providing the service we would only provide it for a limited period and to restart it brings in to consideration several things including:

- If we approve that for one club we should offer it to all clubs
- Two clubs are already providing and financing their own junior coaching.
- We agreed last season that clubs should show that they are prepared to be self-funding before requesting county support

It was agreed that we can`t make a decision on this until we have time to consider all aspects of junior development in the comprehensive review we are hoping to start soon.

E-2-18/19-11 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR DAYMON JOHNSTONE

Daymon has once again been selected to compete for GB in the World Transplant Games in the squash competition – to add to his fantastic record of GB representation in 20 previous games over many years. He has asked if we could give him some sponsorship to help cover some of the high personal cost to him. We readily said we would and have donated £200. Congratulations to him for his selection.

E-2-18/19-12 NEXT MEETING

We have some important work to do, primarily how we manage junior development/activities in the future, and need a meeting as soon as possible. Restricted by the forthcoming Christma/New Year period the best we can do is the last two weeks of January 2019 – **Tom.**

Tom Armstrong