

E-3-18/19-1 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES....

1.1 Attendance

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

1.2 Apologies

Mike Lowrey

Note: This meeting was held to discuss specific items and did not follow the established format. The next meeting will be as normal and will catch up with status of actions and other follow-up items from the previous meeting on 3 December that are not addressed in this meeting.

E-3-18/19-2 MEN`S & WOMEN`S SENIOR COUNTY CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.1 This Season`s Championships

Guy confirmed that the event is still going ahead on 26 & 27 January 2019 at Carlisle Squash Club

He has issued the Entry Form to the membership and has posted it on the website

2.2 Qualification Rules for Entry

We had a re-think on the" birth qualification" introduced at a previous meeting for players from Cumbria, or from outside of the county, who are not already a member of CSR via a registered club membership or Individual Membership of the organisation. We withdrew it and replaced it with the requirement that the player must be a CSR Individual Member. Players who are not will be allowed to enter by paying the competition entry fee and the going rate for CSR Individual Membership.

There is an outstanding action to display previously agreed rules (Ref 3 December Exec meeting minutes). - this change will be incorporated in it.

E-3-18/19- 3 INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The meeting confirmed that

- We have no team entries in the Junior Inter County championships
- We have entered men`s Senior & Over 50 & Over 65 Masters teams

Tom confirmed the Stage dates of the Senior & Masters events:

Seniors: Stage 1 : 1-19 & 20 January 2019
Finals : 6 & 7 April 2019

Masters: Stage 1: 2 & 3 March 2019
Finals : 22 & 23 June 2019

Jonny advises that unfortunately he has had to postpone the event scheduled for Sunday 9th December at Carlisle Squash Club – for the reasons given in the extract from his note below. This is the second postponement in the season which is very disturbing. A decision on Jonny`s offer to try again is still to be made by the Exec

“ I have had to sadly postpone due to poor entry.....13 in total I believe, 2 girls and 11 boys. Made a call with Ronnie therefore the competition was not viable at this time. I will try again later in season if you are happy for me to do so”

E-3-18/19-52.4 SOUTH AFRICAN KNIGHTS

The visit to Cumbria for matches at Windscale 5 Jan and Carlisle on 6 Jan has been confirmed by Joe Richardson the team organiser – both clubs will be providing free accommodation and food for the team which is their normal practice and have completed all arrangements for it.

We are still waiting for final confirmation from organiser Joe Richardson that the minibus is still required or have the circumstances changed and we need to cancel it. Joe promised early advice on this at Tom`s request so that if cancellation is required we can inform the owner in good time in this busy holiday period to allow him to make re-arrangements for his business.

2.5 NWRP DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Tom attended a NWRP meeting at Preston on 17 December 2019.

Chairman, Jim Foggitt confirmed that the £12000 development grant to the NWRP from ES will be paid on the basis of a regional plan developed from local plans from the involved counties – Cumbria, Lancashire, Cheshire & Merseyside.

We had some concerns that at present we could not address the major requirement requested by ES to qualify for the grant, which was the use of ES online apps for coaching and other activities - including Squash 101, Junior 101, Squash Girls Can, Squash 57 - for each county to progressively build an online comprehensive player participation data base . We could not do this at present because of the need to first of all resolve our local problems associated with junior development, general player participation across the board, loss of volunteers etc. Tom clearly stated this and reminded the Forum of our plans to resolve those problems. That approach was accepted by the members – who included ES representatives – and considered as appropriate to qualify for our allocation of the grant.

One specific request from Jim to support that decision was that we would introduce the use of the apps as soon as we thought we were in a position to do so. Tom accepted this and also supported a request by him to visit Carlisle Club soon to discuss the possibility the use of the apps at the club with Ronnie Bell. He will accompany him on that visit.

Tom mentioned that regardless of the other work mentioned above that will take priority, we may consider trying the Apps in our Academy coaching sessions because they are already planned for the rest of the season. To be included in our review.

The Forum confirmed a decision made at a previous meeting that the £12000 would be divided equally between the four counties. On that basis we qualify for £3000-00

More discussion was made on this and good progress was made – work will continue at the next Exec meeting when completion should be made.

E-3-18/19-7 ES NEW MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION SYSTEM

We had continuation of the discussion on this at the last Exec meeting (3 Dec 2018) and ended with a better understanding of it and identified the implications to the county and the associated clubs.

This information will be shared with clubs where the ES requirements and county guidelines on them will be detailed - **Action Chris**

Clubs must make their own minds up on the basis of the guidelines to take up ES membership or not but we must make it clear that we require all clubs in the county, and individuals in the county not associated with clubs, to be members of CSR via Club Membership or Individual Membership processes of the organisation if they wish to enter local CSR competitive activities. Individuals who also enter ES competitions directly and members of Cumbria Teams that compete in Inter County Championships must also be registered with ES as individuals – this also now applies to CSR County League players.

E-3-18/19-8 JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

A short discussion was held on how we resolve our junior development problems and concerns. Some ideas were thrown about but there is nothing specific to report from them yet. The major drive on this will start at the next Executive Committee meeting.

E-3-18/19- 9 NEXT MEETING

Sometime in the last two weeks of January 2019 – **Action Tom**

