



## Cambridgeshire County Squash AGM

7pm – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Hunts County, Hemingford

**Committee:** *Colin Griggs, Ali Loke, Howard Mason, Simon Napper, Simon Patterson*

**Attendees:** *Ali Dawson (Cambridge I), Andy Scott (Cambridge II), Ben Knappett (Cambridge III), Steve Davies (Club Towers), Andy D'Alessandro (Comberton), Malcolm Day (Devonports Haverhill), David Mankellow (Ely), Helen Frampton (Fenland), Jeremy Cotton (Leys), Matt Fiveash (March), Vinod Duraikan (Melbourne), John Garrod (Newmarket II), Neil Needham (Peterborough), George Atterbury (Saffron Walden), John Dewis (St Ivo I), Alistar Paul (St Ivo II) Matt Nankivell (St. Neots), Chris Reeve (St. Neots)*

Refer to the Powerpoint for further information on specific sections

### **1. Apologies**

- a. Ely Ladies; Melbourne Ladies; Cambridge Ladies.

### **2. 2017 Minutes**

- a. Sponsored Jeremy Cotton. Nominated by Andy D'Alessandro. Minutes approved.

### **3. Matters Arising**

- a. League Trophies. There will be a trophy for the league winners. **[Action Point]**
- b. Portway Perpetual Cup is still missing. Replacement cup will be provided after a final search. **[Action Point]**
- c. Board has been done but is not yet on the wall. It will be very soon. **[Action Point]**

### **4. Election of management committee**

- a. Andrew retiring from organising the Cup, and Ali Loke will consolidate the role under the league secretary. The committee stays the same.

### **5. Season Review:**

#### **Chairman**

- a. Ladies membership seems to be suffering.
- b. County closed participation was slightly down, probably because of the date. The date for next year will be announced soon to allow people to plan. Participation from centres further outside central Cambridgeshire should be encouraged.
- c. A yearly calendar will be released. **[Action Point]**
- d. Intercounty – O60s team lost to lack of player. Captains and teams on the slideshow.

#### **Treasurer**

- a. Treasurer – Next couple of years may be slightly negative before stabilising because of certain grants. Plenty of money in the bank to cover this expected expense. Accounts on the slideshow [p. 17]
- b. County Closed is not in the accounts as this is outsourced to Hunts County

#### **Coaching Development**



- a. Developing Coaching Academy (DCA). Chris Vine still employed for some of the admin, but the coaching side of things is largely covered by Colin Griggs.
- b. Steve Mason, Sofia Aveiro-Pita & Taylor Mounter joining the programme. Ali Hemingway is well-established, Chris Shaw will be supported as well.
- c. There are opportunities for funding of Mini-squash programmes or other new, young coaches
- d. The aim is to reinstate the role of club coach and help drive membership, teams, female participation etc. Looking for more junior coaches to come through.

### **Juniors**

- a. A successful year other than the fact that the Cambs' Junior Membership did not happen, but it will be back in place this year.
- b. Details of achievements and this years events in the slideshow [p. 20-1]

### **Leagues**

- a. Fixtures are up on Sporty HQ except Leys home nights will be Wed and David Lloyd courts are closing, so the courts and David Lloyd II are tbc.

### **ES Membership**

- a. There is a debate about whether Cambridgeshire Leagues should continue to be affiliated with England Squash.
- b. John Dewis points out they have put money into St Ivo in the past.
- c. If we come away from ES, the general affiliation fee would go up to cover player insurance, but players would not have to pay ES membership to participate.
- d. A note will be sent round to clubs with a preproposal after consultation with ES
- e. **Please do not renew your membership to play in the league until this has been decided**

### **Rule changes**

- a. Affiliation fee for clubs outside Cambridgeshire will now be the same as for other clubs.
- b. Player position changes: Changes at the half-way stage will continue to be fine. Changes at other points during the season will not be accepted unless there are exception circumstances (new player/junior development). Email the League Secretary for such instances. Established players should not change.
- c. Cup and League team order should be the same.
- d. See A.O.B. below for a further change regarding rearranging fixtures.

### **6. A. O. B.**

- a. **Cup:** To avoid half-term cup matches, round 1 is after the first half of the season, round 2 is before the second half of the season and there will be a Finals Day after the league season ends, with semis and finals on the same day.
- b. **Playing up/down:** The rules on playing up and down will remain the same this year, despite changes to league totals.
- c. **Fixture rearranging:** The rules in previous years have been quite vague. The fixture list should be treated as final, except in the case of extreme weather/traffic problems. Injuries/illnesses/inconvenience is not a reason to rearrange fixtures,



regardless of notice given. In this latter case, the team that has been cancelled on has the discretion to rearrange the fixture, but is not required to in any way. League double-headers are not allowed.

- d. **Posting results:** Results should be put up within a week by the home team, otherwise there will be a penalty.