

Approved of ESRA Committee Meeting
Held at Kingswood on September 21 2011

Present: Dave Neller, Brian Clark, Barbara Sanderson, Lyn Stiffel, Elaine Oddie, Martin Watts.
Apologies: Sue Woodhouse, Dave Lazarus, Carl George, Suzanne Matthews.

ACTIONS		cleared @
Suffolk League-BC	<i>c/f Check out league</i>	13/12
County Colours-BC	<i>c/f Get samples</i>	
Form committee for 75th- CG	<i>c/f At next meeting</i>	1/10
Club comms-DN	<i>Draft circular for Clubs</i>	
Racketball fees-BC/EO	<i>Repay clubs</i>	13/12
Redbridge ESR events -DN	<i>c/f Discuss with ESR</i>	
Team Selection listings-DN/BS/BC	<i>c/f Provide, approved and web load</i>	
Newsletter distribution-CV	<i>c/f Distribute to agreed clubs</i>	13/12
Next meeting-DN	<i>Confirm Kingswood for Tuesday Dec 13 2011</i>	13/12

Previous Minutes (matters arising)

Elaine did apologise! ; Minutes approved (no quorum). May 18 minutes approved; AGM minutes draft approved for website. League management was being worked on with the racketball management. CV did not receive newsletters. Assume Sue had distributed. Some actions carried forward

Chairman

ESR – Brian and Dave are going to Manchester for county debate about ESR proposals for changes to the affiliation scheme.

Dev Plan- The plan needed to be assessed to support Chris as his funding had been reduced by ESR and he needs our plan to give support to funding opportunities. Also the county audit is out of date. The SWAT analysis should still be applicable. The ladies initiative from last year has floundered probably because of Chris's support funding. Barbara wanted to know what had happened to the money freed up from regional coach savings. Dave was not confident that ESR could help (Mark Williams) and Sportivate (NGO?) probably would be more beneficial.

Club contact- Dave wanted some communication with the clubs about what Essex do. Since Brian had stopped affiliation collection such a letter had not been circulated. Dave would draft a letter.

Action: DN

Another issue was how the coaches support clubs. The web lists are not good enough. They are inaccurate and they do not contain any contact information; this needs to be attended to.

Secretary

Cheques passed over to Elaine for league fees. There was the usual late fees and clubs were not all signing up for the whole season which would eventually bring in more revenue. Estimated revenue for this year from fees would be lower due to less late payments.

Finance – Elaine Oddie

A small deficit was forecast. Racketball fees for some clubs needed to be repaid as some had missed out in the league. **Action: BC/EO**

Barbara advised that o40 and o50 were likely to get to finals weekend and incur higher cost.

Juniors

After earlier apologies Suzanne and Martin appeared which was a valued contribution. Martin had been elected Chairman; Suzanne was back with the treasury and Steve was the secretary. Kimberly was still our CPO

Intercounty- Only boys' teams had been entered. Squad players were charged £75 which was now becoming accepted by the younger groups. Some older players were not participating. Managers were nominated Chris Vine u13, Dave Webster u17 and u19, Gary Nesbitt u15.

The girls were a problem. There had only been 2 u17, 5 u15 and 4 u13 girls entered for the Closed. Some personality issues were undermining the strength of the squads. But special attention to the u13/u15 groups was probable and funding was possible.

Website- www.essexjuniorsquash.co.uk was up but not populated.

Closed- Sponsored prizes had been received and the event was at Kingswood this weekend

Leagues

Lyn reported on the league setup. O Chigs was gone and Lyn had moved to Epping. Brian reported that men autumn was 37 and spring 40 teams and he was chasing fees, he requested the ladies fixture list.

Competitions

Dave confirmed that the Kingswood would accept the Closed on January 14/15

Racketball was running in the south with 5 teams but Frinton, Woodham and Epping 2 were excluded due to lack of enough teams.

Brian referred to his intercounty fixture listing which had been circulated to committee and intercounty managers. There were a number of home fixtures at stage 1.

Development

See Chairman

Referee and Marking

Any Other Business

County badges- Barbara displayed county badges from the past and it was agreed that they were not suitable for our current plans.

ESR- Dave and Brian would attend a meeting on Thursday Sept 22 to debate the findings of the MWG (membership Working Group). 14 counties had been invited to comment on the new scheme so that any changes could be made to the draft which would be submitted to the next Council Meeting.

Date of Next Meeting- Tuesday December 13 at Kingswood. **Action: DN**