

Bedfordshire Squash & Racketball Association

Minutes for the Beds SRA AGM & Team Captains Meeting

To be held at Towers on Thursday 5th Sep 2024 at 7:30pm

Attendees: Ryan Pescod [email removed]; Ian Wright; Steve Adams [email removed]; Chris Steer; [email removed]; Gary Leggett [email removed]; Chris Moss [email removed]; Matt Towers [email removed]; Steve Davies [email removed]; Phil Jenkins [email removed] ; Marcus Gray [email removed]; Simon Marshall [email removed]

Apologies

Sam Morris [email removed] – Bulls / Development Officer

Babs Rai [email removed] – Treasurer

Steve Hossent – DL

Simon Percival – Open Uni

Andy Shaw [email removed] – Flitwick

Steve Barlow [email removed] – Towers

Thomas Garlich – Luton

Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Accepted

Report from the Chairman

Good year, plenty of passion from committee

Main goal for last year was to invest in juniors, which has been successful

Big success from County Closed, great atmosphere, looking forward to the coming year

Bank issues, but over coming this now with Babs help

Beds squash goes from strength to strength outside of the county itself, which is great to see

Managed to get squash into the Olympics #Nice

Report from the County Captain

2 teams playing

Seniors lost early unfortunately due to strong oppositions

O55 fared better than Seniors

Senior team tough opposition all of the time, Premier has 4 teams and the rest are all together

Singular weekend format makes it tough to win

Report from the Treasurer

Accounts shared, £3060 final figure for the year

Expenditure a bit higher than previous years due to coaching, which is on track for the county

Similar funding expectation for the coming year

Report from Juniors Team Manager

More juniors required and set up a development squad which was successful – 13 now

12 in the main squad now

More frequent county training seems to be working

30 entrants for the Junior Beds Closed last year

10th Nov for the Junior Beds Closed – try to beat 30 – target for 40 players

Matches with Northants and Cambs, Played 10 won 7. Narrowly lost to Northants in the final

Cambs Oct 25th 2024, Northants Jan 2025, Beds April 2025

Stretch target for a Beds 2 summer team made up just of juniors

ACTION: Ryan to propose a Copper tournament next year, pending the success of the Junior Closed.

Report from Beds Closed – Simon Marshall/Steve Davies

80 entrants for last year

C went really well and great to see plenty of people enter than category

Start on a Thursday this coming year

Real inline scoring Sport Manager – Phil to commit to adding in this real time during the weekend, provided that the software is in place and working.

2nd Jan – 5th Jan 2025 for Beds Closed

Report from League Organiser

Comment from Phil Jenkins stating that the summer leagues were a bit too short, prefer for longer season, perhaps with 3 legs to extend the season? To be discussed in subsequent meetings next year.

Trophies

Winter DL Div 1, Biggleswade Div 2

Summer OU1 Div 1, Bulls Div 2

Failure to play fixture penalties – Chris Moss

For any team that wants a rearrangement of a fixture there would be the removal of the 5 points in the event of a subsequent team win by the team that wanted the re-arrangement.

For Example: Team A wants to re-arrange the fixture and agrees with Team B to do so. They then play the fixture and Team A win 4:1 (All 3:1s), they would receive 12 points for all of the individual wins

and the extra point for the 3:1 loss, but not the 5 bonus points, so the overall score would be 13:7, NOT 18:7. In the system this would read as 18:7 with 5 penalty points applied, manually by the league organiser.

Seconded by Marcus

Vote: In favour 11; Against 0

Upper Limit Div 2 (2500) – Chris Steer

2500 at the beginning of the season, seconded Ryan

1st Oct deadline for the Squash Levels criteria

Vote: In favour 11; Against 0

PAR – 11 for Div 1 – Steve Davies

Comment / Vote read from Steve Hossett stipulating remain at 15, but perhaps the 1's and 2's to 11, similar comment from Phil Jenkins

There is no option to split the side with some playing to 15 and some playing to 11, so the only vote is for 15 to continue or for 11

Some good arguments as to why 11 is suitable;

Players get used to it quickly and adapt during the season

Makes for more attacking play

Is in line with other county Div 1 divisions

Closed Competition

A Grade 11, B Grade 15, C Grade 15

O55 to 11, Ladies TBC

Vote: In favour 11; Against 1, Ryan seconded

England Squash Individual Membership (CHANGE!)

Strongly encourage regular players to sign up

Review for County Closed on who is a member, done on sign up.

Resignations

NONE

Election of Offices

Chairman - Ryan Pescod

Secretary - Phil Jenkins

Treasurer - Babs Rai

League Organiser - Simon Marshall

Development Officer - Sam Morris

County Captain - Steve Davies

Junior Team Manager - Gary Leggett

County Coach - VACANT

County Association Network - Simon Marshall

Regional Representative – to be removed

Child Welfare Officer - Carly Martiello

AOB

Simon Marshall: Marking course available to players, £5 entrant

Web Site needs some TLC, request for help ACTION: Simon

Chris Steer: O55 team squash? Not yet, due to low numbers

Biggleswade weekend 6th Sept – all looking forward to it