

East of Scotland Squash Association - Minutes of 37th Annual General Meeting at Colinton Castle Sports Club, Thursday 23rd June 2011

Present : Eric Donohoe (Chairman & Colinton Castle), Dave Ferguson (Secretary & Waverley), Dougie Brown (League Secretary & Grange), Richard McIntosh (Committee member & Watsonians), Ron Pearman (Scottish Squash President & Tyne), Simon Boughton (Edinburgh Sports Club), Archie McCue, Jim Hay, Rod Robinson, Adrian Craxton (Colinton Castle), Eamonn Keane (David Lloyd), Christy Looby (Grange).

Apologies : Dave Ireson (Treasurer & Tyne), Claire Gray (Committee member & Heriot-Watt), Yvonne Ferguson (Committee member & Waverley), Henry Pearce (Committee member & Edinburgh University), David Legge (Dunbar), John Bain (Edinburgh Sports Club), Colin Boswell (Dalgety Bay), Jim Dougal (Watsonians), Ross Anderson (Dean).

1. A.G.M. Minutes and matters arising

The previously circulated Minutes of the 36th AGM (held at Grange Sports Club on 22nd June 2010) were approved.

2. Presentation of League trophies/League Secretary's report

Dougie gave out trophies to representatives of the winners : (Ladies) d3 : Edinburgh University, d2 : Dalgety Bay, d1 : Edinburgh Sports Club ; (Open) d5 : David Lloyd 2, d4 : Dunbar 1, d3 : Waverley 2, d2 : Colinton Castle 2, d1 : Watsonians 1. Dougie gave out copies of his report. He said there had been very few problems, although many matches had been postponed because of heavy snow in December and it was March before they were all played. The inputting of results to the Matrix had been extended to all divisions and this had gone very smoothly. Sometimes adding a new player had caused a false error message and resulted in several records being created for one player, but this had been resolved. Sometimes the starting ranking position of a player, if too low or high, had caused anomalies. He thanked Dave Jubb for all his help in this regard. One or two complaints had been received from clubs about others' team selections and orders. The committee had discussed the possibility of altering the Rules but decided instead to issue guidelines for the 2011/12 season. Dougie gave out advance copies of these.

3. Chairman's Report

Eric handed out copies of his Report, which had been sent to the clubs, and went over the main points. Edinburgh Sports Club had beaten Watsonians in the Over-35 Team Cup final. With Dundee & District committed to Scottish Squash affiliation after an 18- year gap, every region – if not yet every club - was now "on board". Rod explained that Scottish Squash would be organising competitive racketball leagues as part of their drive to increase club memberships. Christy reported that Senga Macfie had won both the British Open over-35 and over-40 titles – an excellent achievement, following her brilliant performances in the European Team Championships in Finland. He also asked if there had been an East team in the England Squash Inter-County championships. Simon confirmed there hadn't been for 2 years because of fixture clashes in the second of the two weekends involved. Eric announced that, after 21 years on the committee as League Secretary then Chairman, he was stepping down. Dave F said he and Yvonne would be doing the same. All three would be happy to stay on briefly if necessary to help the new committee bed in and would always be available to advise if asked. Henry Pearce, who is moving away, was also stepping down as the East's representative on the Scottish Squash board.

4. Junior Convener's Report

Claire had e-mailed a report, copies of which were passed round.

5. Treasurer's Report

Dave I's accounts were handed out and Archie, who had very kindly scrutinised them, offered to answer any queries. There were none. Eric pointed out the accumulated balance of around £17,900 and suggested this should be used in some way. Archie very helpfully offered to submit a massively increased fee. It was decided to once again keep the League fees at £40 per team for season 2011/12.

6. Election of Office-Bearers and Committee Members

The meeting voted in the new committee of : Chairman – Jim Hay, Treasurer – Dave Ireson, League Secretary – Dougie Brown, Junior Convener – Claire Gray (formerly Kidd), Committee Members – Richard McIntosh, Rod Robinson, Ross Anderson and Adrian Craxton. Eric welcomed the new committee members, one of whom would soon take over as Secretary.

7. Any other business

Eamonn thanked the committee for all their work, a sentiment echoed by the others present. Christy said he had successfully had information placed about Grange in the Scotsman, Scotland on Sunday, Evening News and Herald & Post and offered to help the committee do the same for the East.

On this encouraging note, the meeting closed with its customary vote of thanks to the chair and – for the last time – its occupant, Eric.