



Highlands and Islands Squash Association Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 21st December 2015

Held at *The Classroom*, Nairn – 7.00 pm

Present:

David Clem (Nairn/Inverness)
Alan Paton (Nairn)
Paul MacDonald (Nairn)

Garry McKay (Inverness/Nairn)
David Massey (Inverness)
Allan McKay (Inverness)

John Georgeson (Gordonstoun)
Dave Taylor (Forres)

ITEM

ACTION

(1) Apologies

None.

(2) Draft Notes of Committee Meeting on 09/11/15

The notes were accepted as a true account of the meeting.

(3) Matters Arising

Schools Competition

John Georgeson mentioned that it's unlikely that the national schools competition will go ahead this year. The suggestion was made to bring it back to Gordonstoun and incorporate it into the planning of next year's events at an early stage to ensure that it takes place.

Action: Alan to include on Agenda re: Schools Competition.

Minutes on Website

Allan asked Alan to forward the notes from the last number of meetings.

Action: Alan re: notes

Challenge with Dundee and District Squash

Garry mentioned that we was still waiting to hear back from Dave Williams re: challenge match with Dundee and District.

Action: Alan re: notes

(4) Finance Update

Dave Clem mentioned that there is little change to the finances. The HISA affiliation fee of £50 has been paid and around £100 has been paid in following the deduction of expenses following the Highland Junior Open.

(5) League and Tournament Update

Allan mentioned that the leagues were progressing well with just a handful of games outstanding at the halfway point of the season. Inverness courts will be out of action for the first week of January and all team captains affected by this should already have been made aware.

Discussion ensued about the need for team captains to communicate with each other prior to match night to ensure that there is no misunderstandings about dates, venues and player availability etc. It was agreed that the onus should be on the home team to ensure that they have contacted the opposition prior to match night. However, out of courtesy, away team captains should do the same.

Action: All team league captains to communicate with the opposition captain prior to match night.

The Highland Junior Open went very well and the Committee congratulated everyone involved including those providing the catering.

Regional Coaching and Junior Inter Regionals

It was agreed that each Junior Inter-Regional team should be allocated an individual coach who would be responsible for selecting the pool of players and their training before the Tournament on 31st April. The coaches should consult with John Georgeson when deciding on the final team selection.

Discussion ensued about ASRC in Aberdeen being a suitable venue to host the Junior Inter-Regionals tournament. Dave Clem agreed to write to Lisa McKenna at SSRL.

Action: Dave Clem re: write to Lisa McKenna.

HISA League Cup

The Committee discussed what kind of format the HISA League Cup could take. It was agreed that some clarity was required for all our member Clubs about how this competition would be organised. It was suggested that we could think to start small, say 8 teams, and run it in a 'Monrad' system with 3 matches each. One idea is to have the final round of matches at one venue to coincide with our prize-giving in May (nominally Sat 7th May at a venue such as Gordonstoun or Kinloss). Allan McKay and Alan Paton agreed to put some thought together and advertise the event around the region.

Action: Allan McKay and Alan Paton re: HISA League Cup.

Invite to Lisa McKenna (SSRL)

It was agreed that HISA would welcome the opportunity to meet Lisa McKenna (CEO, SSRL) and suggested we invite her at the earliest opportunity to our AGM. A nominal date was suggested for our AGM on Sat 3rd Sept, 2016.

Action: Committee re: agree date of AGM and invite Lisa.

(6) AOB

Affiliation Returns

SSRL returns from all our member clubs should have been completed by now. Discussion ensued about the need for all Clubs to submit a return. Although not all Clubs are affiliated (and pay the corresponding fee) a return should still be made. If the Club is unable or unwilling to pay the affiliation fee then this should clearly be stated on the return.

Action: Alan to communicate to Clubs re: affiliation returns to SSRL.

Meeting ends: 7.50pm

Next Meeting: Monday 1st February, 7pm, Nairn Sports Club.
Squash afterwards.