

NORTHUMBRIA SQUASH SEASON 2020/21 – ANNUAL REPORT

Due to Covid the season 2020/21 from a County perspective was a non-starter.

Over the period squash clubs and courts opened to differing extents allowing some ages and players to play but the bigger events and leagues that the County overlooks and supports were unable to go ahead.

During this period the Committee met virtually planning ahead for possible eventualities and were ready for things to begin if and when it were possible however it wasn't to be.

Things however have been set in place to encourage players back for Summer 2021 with a combination of open club nights and a team match series, both financially supported by Northumbria Squash. The League season as well as tournaments are to return assuming no further restrictions are in place, and we are hoping to catch up on missed time.

Dave Barnett – Northumbria Squash Chairman
22 August 2021

The Northumbria Squash Rackets Association

Annual General Meeting

**Thursday 9th September, 2021 7.30 pm
via Zoom video conference**

Minutes

Present

Trustees and committee members

Dave Barnett (Chair), John Thompson (League Secretary), Susan Spence (Treasurer), Colin McNestrie

Other committee members

Dave North (Secretary), Dave Jackson, Guy Eniona, Adam Coates

Apologies from Ryan Doran and Sam Ward

Club representatives

Marc Shipley (Baldon), Jeremy Phillipson (Hexham), Emma Rowell (Northumbria University), Dave North (Northern), Dave Barnett (Northumberland Club), Colin McNestrie & John Thompson (Tynemouth), Adam Coates & Guy Eniona (Eldon Leisure), Dave Jackson (Newbiggin)

Joe Witherspoon (Chester le Street) joined for the League Fixtures meeting

Apologies from Liam Gutter (Newcastle University) and Tim Mazucchi (Tynemouth)

1. Welcome & Apologies

Dave Barnett welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 9th September 2020 were agreed.

There are no outstanding matters arising.

3. Trustees' report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. Dave Barnett (Chairman) summarised that, as the whole of the 2020/21 season was cancelled due to COVID-19, there was little to report but that plans for the new season are well underway.

4. Treasurer's report

A summary of the 2020/21 accounts was circulated prior to the meeting. Susan Spence (Treasurer) provided an overview, but again, there was little to report as there was little income and expenditure activity. Although the bank account balance stands at over

£21,000, Susan explained that income for the current financial year will be down again, as the England Squash rebates will be reduced and may not be received until after the end of the financial year, the fees for teams in the Northumbria Leagues have been reduced and there is again no League Sponsor. As expenditure on teams in Inter County competitions and other County events will resume which is likely to exceed income.

5. League Secretary's report

It proved impossible to run any form of Winter or Summer leagues over the 2020/21 season due to continuing COVID-19 related restrictions.

The Winter leagues are planned to resume for the 2021/22 season with 53 Men's and 9 Ladies' teams taking part.

In the Men's league the number of divisions will be reduced from the previous 7 down to 6 (Premier and Divisions 1 to 5). The proposal to increase the standard number of teams per division from 9 to 10 did not materialise due to the significant reduction in overall team numbers.

The Ladies' league format will change to a first half of a single division of nine teams playing each other once, then split at halfway, with a second half format of five teams in Division 1 and four teams in Division 2 playing each other twice.

It is also planned to hold the usual Cup competitions, with finals in April/May.

6. Re-election of Trustee

Jim Douglas has resigned as Trustee and Susan Spence was appointed by the Trustees as his replacement. As such, Susan was required to retire and offer herself for re-election. This was unanimously approved.

7. Discussion of proposals lodged with Secretary

Change to Rule 6.2 - removal of requirement for home team to provide food after Winter League matches (proposed by Ray Rycroft). Consensus was to reject this proposal as it was felt post-match food and socialising is an important aspect of Team Squash. Away team captains (in particular) should be reminded to let the home team know if players are unable to stop after the match.

Change to Rule 5.4 – also proposed by Ray Rycroft - this will now read "If a club has more than one team in the same League playing on the same day and one or more players from the higher team(s) are unavailable, any nominated player(s) may play for the higher team(s) provided that the correct nominated order is maintained within each team. It is not necessary to promote the next-highest ranked available player(s) from the next-lower team."

The consensus was agreement to the proposed change.

8. AOB

No other matters arose.

9. League Fixtures Meeting

John Thompson reminded attendees of revised league structures, reduced fees for this year only and other important rules regarding nominations and fixture changes etc (summary document provided during the meeting).

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Northumbria Squash Rackets Association
Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Registered Charity Number 1180804
Treasurer's Report - 2020/21 Season

	2020/21 Year ended: 30th April 2021 £	2019/20 30th April 2020 £	Diff 20/21 vs 19/20 £
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT			
RECEIPTS			
England Squash (ES) Membership Rebate	2,159	4,203	(2,044)
Northumbria League fees	0	3,420	(3,420)
Tournament entry fees	0	3,517	(3,517)
Tournament sponsorship	500	250	250
ES COVID support	1,400	0	1,400
ES Regional Funding	900	3,452	(2,552)
Junior Fundraising	161		161
Bank interest	20	16	4
note 1	<u>5,140</u>	<u>14,858</u>	<u>(9,717)</u>
PAYMENTS			
Northumbria League expenses	0	(847)	847
Tournaments	0	(4,210)	4,210
Inter-County Teams	345	(4,940)	5,285
Coaching	(500)	(2,526)	2,026
Hoodies / T-Shirts	0	(363)	363
Refereeing	0	0	0
Website	(84)	(84)	0
ES Conference	0	0	0
Miscellaneous (Golf Trophies/Tax/Stamps/Balls)	(44)	0	(44)
note 1	<u>(283)</u>	<u>(12,969)</u>	<u>12,686</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>4,857</u>	<u>1,889</u>	<u>2,968</u>
ANALYSIS BY ACTIVITY			
England Squash Membership Rebate	note 2 <u>2,159</u>	<u>4,203</u>	<u>(2,044)</u>
Northumbria Leagues			
League Fees		3,420	(3,420)
League Master software		(250)	250
League Cup Finals - courts & balls		(284)	284
Presentation Night costs (including medals)		(313)	313
note 3	<u>0</u>	<u>2,573</u>	<u>(2,573)</u>
Tournaments:			
(i) Northumbria Summer Open			
Entry fees			
PSA Registration\Deposit			
Prize Money			
T Shirts			
Trophies\prizes\balls			
Courts			
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(ii) Northumbria Senior Closed			
Entry fees		800	(800)
Trophies		(285)	285
Courts		(832)	832
Balls			0
	<u>0</u>	<u>(317)</u>	<u>317</u>
(iii) Northumbria Junior Closed			
Entry fees		1,224	(1,224)
Vouchers			0
Trophies		(183)	183
Courts		(152)	152
	<u>0</u>	<u>889</u>	<u>(889)</u>
(iv) Northumbria Senior Open			
Entry fees		1,308	(1,308)
Sponsorship	500	250	250
PSA Registration\Deposit		(120)	120
Prize Money		(1,000)	1,000
T Shirts		(1,179)	1,179
Trophies\prizes\balls		(259)	259
Courts			0
	<u>500</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>1,500</u>
(v) Junior Monrad			
	<u>0</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>(185)</u>
Total Tournaments	note 4 <u>500</u>	<u>(243)</u>	<u>743</u>

	2020/21 Year ended: 30th April 2021 £	2019/20 30th April 2020 £	Diff 20/21 vs 19/20 £
Inter-County Teams:			
(i) Seniors			
Entry fees		(100)	100
Travel & accommodation			
- Men's Senior	173	(173)	346
- Ladies' Senior	172	(402)	574
	<u>345</u>	<u>(675)</u>	<u>1,020</u>
(ii) Masters			
Entry fees		(100)	100
Travel & accommodation			
- Men's O50			0
- Men's O55			0
- Men's O60			0
- Men's O65			0
	<u>0</u>	<u>(100)</u>	<u>100</u>
(iii) Juniors			
Entry fees		(450)	450
Travel & accommodation			
- Centrally arranged		(1,418)	1,418
- U11 Boys		(430)	430
- U13 Boys		(86)	86
- U15 Boys		(127)	127
- U17 Boys		(336)	336
- U19 Boys		(160)	160
- U11 Girls		(200)	200
- U13 Girls			0
- U15 Girls			0
- U17 Girls		(560)	560
- U19 Girls			0
Northern Cup		(397)	397
	<u>0</u>	<u>(4,165)</u>	<u>4,165</u>
Total Inter-County Teams	note 5 <u>345</u>	<u>(4,940)</u>	<u>5,285</u>
Gosforth Classic (Northern Open) Sponsorship	<u>0</u>	<u>(200)</u>	<u>200</u>
Coaching and Fundraising			
ES COVID support	1,400		1,400
ES Regional Funding	900	3,452	(2,552)
Distribution to applicant clubs	(500)	(1,706)	1,206
Distribution to Talent - junior coaching\monrad courts		(820)	820
Returned to ES (unused)			0
	<u>1,800</u>	<u>927</u>	<u>874</u>
Junior Fundraising	161		
	note 6 <u>1,961</u>	<u>927</u>	<u>874</u>
Hoodies / T-Shirts			
Purchase of Hoodies / T-Shirts		(363)	363
Refereeing			
Refereeing course			0
Website			
Advertising income			0
Web hosting	(84)	(84)	0
	<u>(84)</u>	<u>(84)</u>	<u>0</u>
ES Conference			0
Miscellaneous (Golf Trophies/Tax/Stamps/Balls)	<u>(44)</u>		<u>(44)</u>
Interest after Tax	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>
Surplus for the year	note 7 <u>4,857</u>	<u>1,889</u>	<u>2,807</u>
BALANCE SHEET			
Cash at bank	<u>16,999</u>	<u>16,999</u>	<u>0</u>
Accumulated Funds			
Brought forward	16,999	15,110	1,889
Surplus / (Deficit)	4,857	1,889	2,968
Carried forward	note 7 <u>21,856</u>	<u>16,999</u>	<u>4,857</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

- 1 Income at £5,140 and costs at £283 bear no comparison to earlier years due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic preventing any competitive play for the entire 2020/21 season.
- 2 A £2,159 ES membership rebate was received in respect of October 2019 to March 2020 membership fees paid by affiliated clubs to ES. As a support to these clubs, ES suspended membership fees from April 2020 until September 2021, therefore there were no further membership rebates in 2020/21.
- 3 There was no activity in the Northumbria Leagues during the season, and League fees were not charged.
- 4 £500 sponsorship income was received late in respect of the 2019/20 Northumbria Senior Open.
- 5 Inter-County teams – the only activity was the refund of unused hotel bookings in respect of the 2019/20 season.
- 6 An ES COVID-19 support grant of £1,400 was received, to be used for non-specific purposes. In addition, £900 ES regional funding was received in respect of a specific application by Northern, and is yet to be distributed. £500 was paid out to the Northumberland Club in respect of a prior year ES regional funding application, reducing the undistributed 2019/20 funding from £927 to £427, of which £180 has subsequently been spent on talent coaching, leaving an unused balance of £247 to be repaid to ES. A further £161 was raised by a Junior raffle.
- 7 Overall, the County funds have increased by a further £4,857 on top of last year's increase of £1,889, to a total of £21,856 at the year-end..
- 8 Adjusting for 2019/20 income/expenditure received/paid in 2020/21, and 2020/21 funding income distributed in 2021/22, a 'true' surplus of £3,612 was generated in 2020/21 (2019/20: £3,459).

ICC travel expenses reimbursement policy

- Fuel - 15p per mile for max two cars per team.
- Accommodation - £75 limit per shared room, max 3 rooms per team, overnight stay permitted if over two hours' travel time to venue, on middle night of two-day events, and on night before event if very early start. Centrally booked through Dave Barnett (Chairman).

Sponsorship opportunities - leagues and tournaments

- There are many sponsorship opportunities for the leagues and tournaments run by the County throughout the season. Contact Susan Spence (Treasurer) or any member of the Committee for more details.

S Spence
Treasurer
22 August 2021