



2017 ESRA Men's League Meeting Minutes

The following minutes are from the Essex SRA Men's league meeting held at Club Kingswood on 13th July 2017 after the ESRA AGM.

Punctuality & late arrivals

Home & away teams arriving late for matches, late changes to fixtures has led to some serious issues with venues. This coupled with venues closing earlier means in some instances matches have been disrupted and hosting become an issue.

These issues were discussed at length and concluded that rules were already in place to manage the start times but were not being applied or adhered to by teams.

Action – League Secretary to remind all teams of the rule on start times - G Went

Rearranged games

Issues as above, various options were discussed to try and alleviate or reduce fixture changes, one was to have a free week at end of session, which gained most favor.

Revise match calendar to add a free week at session end - (G Went)
Proposed - Graham Haydon (Epping) seconder - Olu Bouncer (Gidea park)

AOB: Existing hand book of rules requires updating – G Went.

Meeting closed a 21:55

G Went, League Secretary



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DRAFT MINUTES of LADIES' ANNUAL MEETING 2017 (at Kingswood on 13th July 2017)

ATTENDEES: Francis Brown Connaught
Val Bryant Connaught
Vicky te Velde Walthamstow
Michelle Greenaway Hamptons
Dawn Robinson Hamptons
Kerry Munn Kingswood
Barbara Sanderson DWFitness Brentwood (Chairman)
Sue Woodhouse Woodford Wells

CHAIRMAN: Barbara Sanderson

APOLOGIES: Liz Downing (Epping – League Secretary), Carey Adams (Epping), Katie Hancock (Epping).

1. MINUTES of the 2016 meeting were agreed.
2. MATTERS ARISING: The planned Handicap event at Connaught or Epping did not take place; however it was decided to try to run a Handicap in Spring 2018.

Action – Francis will discuss with Carey.

The meeting noted that Walthamstow had run a Marking Course in the Spring.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

This is incorporated into the general Essex Squash Annual report (on the website) and will also be circulated to the Essex Ladies' League mailing list.

There were 14 teams in the County League in the Autumn and 12 teams in the Spring; there are 11 in the current Summer League. All of these numbers are slightly LOWER than last year.

There were 3 ladies' County teams (Senior, Over-50 & Over-40). The Senior team under Sarah Neller finished 6th in the Premier Division – an excellent result.

The County Closed Championship was held at Kingswood in January 2017 and was won by Alice Green.

Our two outstanding juniors (Elise Lazarus and Alice Green) continued to produce excellent results in national competitions; they are representing England in the World Junior Championships in July 2017.

4. LADIES' LEAGUE:

It was agreed that the Ladies' League had generally run well during the year. Some specific points:-

- Val Bryant said that late arrival of players can be a problem. The meeting suggested that Liz should emphasise the importance of punctuality when sending out details of the Autumn League. All players should aim to arrive BEFORE the scheduled time for start of play.

Action – Liz to mention this point.

- The meeting agreed that the stricter rules about rearrangements (introduced earlier this year) were working quite well. However Hamptons (Dawn and Michelle) felt that there should be NO rearrangements at all except in exceptional circumstances (Bank Holidays/ weather/ courts not available).

Action – to be discussed by the League sub-committee

- Hamptons suggested that the exact format of the 2018 Summer League should be discussed next Spring. The main aim is to keep people playing but the format could be changed. One suggestion was for a single division with some sort of handicapping system

Action – to be considered by Liz and the sub-committee next Spring.



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League Management System (LMS)

It was noted that, following initial teething problems, the LMS is now working well for the Men's Leagues. One big advantage of the LMS is that results and ranking lists can be quickly viewed by ALL the captains. The meeting agreed that the LMS should be run for the Autumn League, in parallel with Liz's current system; however the dates and rules of the Ladies' League should NOT be changed. Geoff Went would want to do the initial setting-up of the LMS for the ladies; however Barbara understands from him that he would then be happy to delegate day-to-day running of the system.

Francis (Connaught) offered IT help if/ when appropriate

Action – Barbara to discuss the practicalities further with both Geoff and Liz

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Chris Vine is trying to set up monthly "fun" one-day weekend team tournaments in the Essex & Suffolk border area, where there has not been a ladies' league for a few years. He wondered if we would like to join in some of these events, or run our own. The meeting felt that this concept is well worth trying; after discussion, it was agreed that Hamptons (Dawn and Michelle) would try to set up a tournament on a Sunday in October or November. Kerry is willing to run it on the day; Vicky raised the possibilities of getting sponsorship and of asking Lauren Selby to provide some sort of exhibition.

Action – (1) Dawn/ Michelle to discuss with Hamptons; (2) Date to be agreed with Kerry; (3) Vicky to look in to funding/ exhibition aspects. Dawn & Michelle will liaise with Chris Vine about Essex & Suffolk dates.

Note:- It is envisaged that the tournament would be open to individuals and that teams – as equal as possible – would be decided on the day.

- Vicky has joined the main Essex Committee with a brief to deal with media/ IT/ publicity. She asked that ALL teams and clubs should send her details of any news or events which she could publicise on the usual social media channels.

Action:- Barbara to send out this request to Liz's League list.

- It was agreed that the sub-committee for referral of matters on ladies' general and league squash in Essex for the coming year will be Barbara Sanderson, Carey Adams, Val Bryant, Dawn Robinson and Kerry Munn. The sub-committee for ladies' county team issues will be the 3 team captains (Senior, Over-40 and Over-50)
- A vote of thanks to League Secretary Liz Downing was passed unanimously. Barbara thanked all those present for attending.

Barbara Sanderson, CHAIRMAN