



## Masters' Squash Committee Meeting

**Sport HQ, Park West.**  
**7/8/2010.**

**Attendance:** Des Connery, Martin O'Meara, John O'Connor, Martin McDonnell, Anne Costello, Michele Jackson, Brian Mahon.

**Apologies:** Anita Mylotte, Clare Jones, Ann Gray, Norrie O'Grady.

### Minutes

*Meeting commenced at 5.12 p.m.*

**1. Election of officers:** [Subject to ratification by Irish Squash Board]

Masters' Secretary: Brian Mahon. Munster Rep.: Martin McDonnell.  
Ulster Rep.: Des Connery. Leinster Rep.: Martin O'Meara.  
Connacht Rep. & Convenor of Selectors: Brian Mahon.  
President of Irish Squash: John O'Connor.

Ladies' Representatives: Anne Costello, Michele Jackson.

**2. Minutes:** Minutes of previous meeting read & seconded.

**3. Matters Arising:** ~ Provisional Calendar 2010/2011:

Tournaments	Dates
Leinster Open	5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> November [confirmed]
Connacht Open	3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> December [confirmed]
Munster Open	21 <sup>st</sup> / 22 <sup>nd</sup> January [confirmed]
Ulster Open	18 <sup>th</sup> / 19 <sup>th</sup> February [confirmed]
Irish Open	11 <sup>th</sup> / 13 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> or 25 <sup>th</sup> / 27 <sup>th</sup> March [t.b.c.]
Interprovincials	8 <sup>th</sup> / 9 <sup>th</sup> or 15 <sup>th</sup> / 16 <sup>th</sup> April [t.b.c.]

~ Home Internationals: i. Pulling-out of Ladies' teams at this year's events, and possible implications of same, discussed.



ii. Payments from several players still outstanding. Two letters from Irish Squash requesting payment have been sent to date, one final reminder to be forwarded in the coming weeks. Non-payment means that players will not be eligible to play in tournaments [until the outstanding monies arrive at the Irish Squash Office].

4. **Correspondence:** i. Bruce Staunton's e-mail was read and noted. The committee is happy that the 'National Team Selection Criteria' were adhered to..."The top five points scorers will automatically be selected for each team. The RSC may consider a wild card selection to fill the 6<sup>th</sup> position on a team – such a player will be of a standard to play at either number 1 or 2 on that team.";  
ii. Ladies' Representatives: The Masters' Secretary wrote to possible ladies' representatives inviting them to attend today's meeting, with a view to them joining the RSC. Two ladies from each province [or substitutes] were invited to attend.
5. **Affiliation:** As per Irish Squash rules the cut-off date for payment of affiliation fees is 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010. Players not affiliated may not take part in competitions.
6. **First Ranking 2010/2011:** See 'First Masters Ranking Lists 2010-2011'.
7. **Ranking Guidelines:** Review & revision of content carried out by RSC. [See Masters' Page].
8. **Points / National Team Selection Criteria / Tournament Points Structure / Competition Format / Complaints, Appeals, Suggestions:** Review & revision of content in relation to men carried out by RSC. Ladies 'Criteria... etc'. yet to be decided [See Masters' Page].
9. **Letter to Tournament Directors:** Content discussed & agreed. Letter & current Ranking Lists to be forwarded to Tournament Director in advance of each event.



**10. Home Internationals:** ~ Dates as per Irish Squash Calendar 2010-2011. ~ Concern expressed as to the success of last season's new 'age-group pairings'! Contact to be made with other countries regarding this issue.

**11. Sponsorship and Funding:** Raffles to be held at Provincial and Irish Opens.

**12. Any Other Business:**

- Letter from Masters' Secretary welcoming players to the new season to be posted on Masters' Page.
- Amendment to Irish Squash Bye-law concerning 'Withdrawal from Tournaments' drawn up. Draft to be presented at next Irish Squash Board meeting. [Text: 'In the event that a player scratches from a tournament after the draw is made then a two tournament ban (in the player's age category) is imposed on the offending player (relevant to Seniors, Masters and Juniors). A one tournament ban and 0 points penalty will be imposed should a player pull out during the tournament. Either of the above may not be enforced in the event of a medical cert. being submitted promptly.']

[Errors & omissions accepted.]

Meeting concluded at 7.25 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, in Fitzwilliam.

**Brian Mahon,  
Masters' Secretary.**