



Report of Irish Squash Board Meeting

Date: September 17th, 2011

Venue: Sport HQ, Parkwest

Chairperson: Gavin Doherty

Attendees: Ed Dunne, President
Shane Braodberry, Coaching Sec
David Corbet, Leinster Rep
Rory Gillen, Treasurer
John O' Connor (Past President)

Henry Gillanders, Junior Sec
Frank Marks, Ulster representative
Dermot MacNamara, Database Admin
Cathy Quinn, Operations Manager

Apologies: Gerry Connaughton, NCO, Steven McMurray, Roland Budd, Joe Ruddy

Not Attending: Eddie Murphy, Munster Rep, Edwin Brennan Connacht Rep

1. Approval of Minutes from Meeting June 26th, 2011

Minutes from June 26th meeting were proposed for approval by Ed Dunne and seconded by Gavin Doherty.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising. Frank Marks withdrew his resignation from board meeting on June 26th and has now returned to the board.

3. Company Registrations Office (CRO)

B10 forms were distributed to directors to be signed.

4. Sub Committees – Terms of Reference

Meeting were held with two of the sub committees, Fundraising and Membership.

Terms of Reference were reviewed and agreed. A minimum of 4 meetings were recommended for the season. Quorum to be 2 sub committee members plus Operations Manager. Report on each sub committee to be circulated a week before meeting. It was agreed that a lot of work via sub committees would also be conducted via email.

5. Membership Sub Committee

A number of ideas / proposals that emerged from these meetings were distributed via board report and were discussed with board. Frank Marks discussed the membership system in Ulster Squash and will send on details via Dorothy Wilson in Ulster Squash office.



Membership Leaflets to be sourced and distributed highlighting the benefits via insurance of joining Irish Squash. We also need to get Irish Squash posters promoting Irish Squash circulated and distributed to clubs.

Website – website needs to be streamlined to sync in with membership and to have it more visible on front page. Cathy to work with Shane on this.

Dermot McNamara was elected Chairman of Membership Committee.

6. Fundraising Sub Committee

Rory Gillen is Chair of Fundraising sub committee meeting and discussed points from the report around proposals that committee is proposing.

Schedule of sub committee meeting dates to be reviewed and agreed with each committee – Cathy to circulate to each committee.

Marketing of Irish Squash is important area for review. David Corbet will talk with Damien O Reilly on potential areas for Irish Squash.

Steven McMurray (by email) and David Corbet requested funding for their provinces which was approved and agreed.

7. Development

Development Sub Committee meeting to be set for September. Ed Dunne agreed to join committee and it was also agreed to ask Deirdre Faul to be a member.

Key Areas to be discussed are World Squash Day on November 5th. Report will be sent to the board following meeting.

8. Board Reports

Reports were circulated prior to board meeting.

Board approved recruitment of Intern for Irish Squash Office on a low cost basis of €50.00 per week plus travel expenses.

Discussed female involvement on board again. General notice to be put on website to advertise for volunteers. Henry to discuss with Nikita Gilensky's Mum about involvement on the board. Henry and Cathy to follow up.

European Club Report - Frank thanked all who were involved and was very happy with the tournament which overall was a great success. A legacy is in place with sponsors which will be used to promote squash and will help in tendering for future events.



Frank pointed out that his personal expenses were higher than anticipated as a lot of meetings had to be attended. Currency exchange costs were another factor that contributed to higher costs and reduced potential profits.

Finance Report - Rory highlighted to the board a potential loss for 2011. The reserves are also running low and the grant will be reduced this year in line with economic climate.

Rory advised that we also made a loss last year, that the grant payment is likely to be less this year and that the whole issue of the solvency of Irish Squash was being looked at seriously and that we need to do a lot of fundraising to try to remain solvent for next year. Income and expenditure will be reviewed critically in this regard in the coming season.

Coaching – Met with Coaching Ireland 6 weeks ago and progressing to coaching workshop on October 12th. Pilot for level 2 planned to roll out prior to Christmas.

Junior Report – Henry discussed wildcard and will bring this to review of junior committee at Connacht Junior Open in Galway.

Leinster Squash – Brendan Murphy has been appointed new Leinster Administrator. Leagues will be up and running from October 1st.

9. Correspondence - Ed discussed correspondence with Munster and Connacht and is working to bring provinces back on the board. He is attending Connacht AGM at the Connacht Junior Open on September 24th.

Next Board Meeting October 9th, 2011.