



# Scottish Squash Board - August 2019

## Regional Committee / Director Update Following SSL Board Meeting 12/08/2019

### **PURPOSE:**

This is a note to the Board Directors and for sharing with key contacts / Regional Committee Members aimed at keeping the squash community in Scotland up to date with key issues being discussed at National level. It is meant to be both 'standalone' and a 'prompt' to SSL Board members to provide a briefing for the Regional Committees and mentions those issues which are considered disclosable. (e.g. excludes for example discipline, selection, personnel issues)

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Mark opened the meeting welcoming Lisa Aitken (Current Player) to the Board as a Director, and Kevin Ferguson (sportsotland) who will take over as the Partnership Manager for Scottish Squash following a handover period with Ewen Cameron.

Mark also commented on the great successes of our representative teams - with particular praise for the Senior Men's and Senior Women's Teams who finished 3rd and 4th at the European Championships.

### **BOARD STUCTURE AND COMMITTEES:**

Two Board Directors, Bob Easson and David Massey have resigned from the Board, effective at that Board meeting, due to other ongoing commitments. Both are happy to support SSL with their expertise where required, but the Board will need to find replacements to 'represent' Highlands and Islands, Finance and Performance.

### **CLUBS:**

Regional work with the clubs and schools continues, with the new school terms starting. Some additional resource is already in place, and more sought (particularly in the North) this year. Funding from **sportsotland** is committed for 4 years, which enables longer term planning at club level, with sustainability in mind. A new structure for membership will also be looked at in the coming months.



A new way to present the logos of the governing body, regions and clubs has been developed as part of the Brand Oath work. This facility should be available for regions and clubs to use, which should strengthen the Squash brand in Scotland and help funding applications at all levels.

### **COMPETITIONS:**

The new dates have been released for most of the major competitions across Scotland, for 2019/20, although the date for the Springfield Scottish Open still not quite finalized.

### **COACHING:**

Continues to be a focus for 2019/20, with the changes to the regional programme, introduction of a more player centered pathway, and integrating better with coaches at club level. There may well be teething issues in the first year, but the Director of Squash can meet and discuss with those who are unclear of how things will work.

### **PLAYERS AND PERFORMANCE:**

The Director of Squash discussed some highlights from the Performance Report, including the recent performances of the European Teams, Rory Stewart and Katriona Allen.

### **GOVERNANCE**

The Annual Report & Audited Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2019 was approved, and this will now go forward into the annual report and AGM papers. A discussion ensued around the reduction in Membership income and it was agreed that this would be looked at in the coming months.

Other standing items included:

- The SSL Risk Register, where David Coutts discussed the main risks SSL faced.

- Child Protection and Safeguarding.

- Inclusion and Equality, with the East Committee now having a youth player on the committee and a separate group progressing youth activities.

- ICT with the progress of the contract discussions with SportyHQ.



**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting is the AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**FOR REGIONAL COMMITTEES:**

If there is anything in this summary that is of particular interest, please contact your Board Rep, Club Development Officer or Maggie Still (CEO), or Mark Adderley (Chair) - all contact details on the website.

Please also feel free to provide feedback on the usefulness of this summary.

Thanks

Mark Adderley

(Chair)