



Scottish Squash Board - October 2019

Regional Committee / Member Update Following SSL Board Meeting 22/10/2019

PURPOSE:

This is a note to the Board Directors, Regional Committee members and Scottish Squash members for sharing. It is 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' for briefing 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 Kevin Ferguson (sportscotland Partnership Manager) and Board members to Bridge of Allan Sports Club, and thanked them for their hospitality. Mark also commented on the great successes of our athletes - with particular praise for the Alba Storm (the Scottish PSL team, next playing at Edinburgh Sports Club on Tuesday 5th November 2019), Greg Lobban and the successful ESF European Club Championships held at ESC.

FINANCES AND GOVERNANCE:

Two Board Directors positions have been advertised, with specific skills or expertise in Finance/Commercial and in Performance. They are being broadly circulated and anyone interested encouraged to apply, and/or speak to the Chair or Chief Executive.

<https://www.scottishsquash.org/board-vacancy/>

Feedback from attendees was positive about the AGM, in particular the reappearance of the annual awards.



Two updated policies were approved: ADM09-G01 Terms of Reference for Board Members & Directors and HR17-P01 Redundancy Policy

And three more received volunteers to review: ADM04-P01 Corporate Social Responsibility Policy, HS04-P01 Health & Safety Policy, HR23-P01 Whistleblowing Policy.

The Board noted the very tight financial position of SSL for 2019/20, and the position of the reserves, which while positive was just on the upper boundary of the required level.

CLUBS:

Regional work with the clubs and schools continues, with the new school terms starting. Scottish Squash (SSL) and Grampian Region are meeting to discuss how best to support the development in that area given the recent vacancy that has not been filled in the North. The Board noted the good news of two more clubs affiliating to SSL.

PLAYERS AND PERFORMANCE

Team selection for the Men's World Team Championship will be confirmed shortly, and the Board noted that competition for places has been strong and this has led to a positive impact on the early season selection events. The Board also noted the strong start to the Professional Squash Association (PSA) tour season with Angus Gillams and Greg Lobban both winning titles early in the 2019/20 season. Finally there was some discussion around the Junior Excellence Programme, each part of which had a dedicated coach with support and mentoring for the coaches from the Director of Squash.

COMPETITIONS:

Entrants for the JC Lindsay Scottish Junior Open entry currently sits at 62 (12 entrants from Scotland) which is up on the same stage as one year ago. Entry can be made here;

<https://www.europeansquash.com/calendarevent/50171/Scottish-Junior-Open-2019-GP>

The Board noted the planned further satellite events as well as the Tayside & Fife Open retaining such status for the 2019/20 season.



Other standing items included:

The SSL Risk Register, where David Couatts discussed the main risks SSL faced.
Child Protection and Safeguarding.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is the Board on 4th February, 2020.

FOR REGIONAL COMMITTEES, MEMBERS:

If there is anything in this summary that is of 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)