



Scottish Squash Board - Aug 2021

Regional Committee / Director Update Following SSL Board Meeting 16/8/2021

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 the board to another virtual meeting. He expressed delight at seeing clubs re-opening and people being able to get back on court. Mark reflected on another busy quarter, the application to Covid Recovery Fund application, AGM and Annual Report preparations and the annual equality monitoring report which would all feature later in the Agenda/meeting and the positive preparatory work being done ahead of the 2021 Springfield Scottish Squash Open, including some additional investment that has been secured from various funding applications.

BOARD STRUCTURE AND COMMITTEES:

Following a discussion on governance, the Board confirmed the continuation of two sub-committees (Risk & Compliance and Commercial, Finance & HR) and the streamlined advisory groups but particularly the introduction of a Regional Forum, to support Regional Directors and facilitate more club/regional discussion. Mark also outlined the recruitment process to start in about 6 months to replace him as Chair.



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FINANCE/COVID-19:

The end of year position was a deficit of £14,621 (as approved by the Board), and took reserves to the bottom end of the allowed range. However given the state of membership and finance at a number of clubs, which have suffered during the last 18 months, membership fees would be waived for another year. The Board was unambiguous and unanimous in its acceptance of that, and in the acceptance of the annual accounts to go to the AGM. A number of very positive commercial relationships were being firmed up prior to the SSSO, and Marc Hope and the Commercial team were congratulated on the fruits of their hard work.

RISK AND COMPLIANCE:

The risk register was approved, and succession planning and finance listed as the two biggest risks that the Board should be aware of. Both were being managed, but would remain under close monitoring.

COMPETITIONS:

Competitions are returning, and regional leagues likely to start slowly. SSSO planning is going well, with strong entries from across UK.

COACHING:

Kylie Lindsay, in her now full-time role within the performance team, has taken on the junior pathway and there was a strong response (60 juniors) to the junior excellence programme.

PLAYERS AND PERFORMANCE:

The Performance Players were having a good run of results and PSA Tournament wins, while there was significant effort going into doubles in the coming weeks.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is on 12th September (AGM) and 8th November (Board).



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FOR REGIONAL COMMITTEES/CLUBS:

If there is anything in this summary that is of particular interest, please contact your Board Rep, or Maggie Still (CEO), or Mark Adderley (Chair).

Thanks

Mark Adderley (Chair)



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