



# Scottish Squash Board – Nov 2021

## Regional Committee / Director Update Following SSL Board Meeting 8/11/2021

### **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 reflected on another busy quarter, the successful Springfield Scottish Squash Open, including particularly the legacy work being done amongst juniors in the area.

### **FINANCE/COVID-19:**

Whilst early in the year, the end of year position for 21/22, was forecast to a surplus of approx. £10k. This would enable the reserves to build back towards the required level following a £15k deficit in 20/21. The COVID- recovery fund application was still being considered by sportscotland, and initial feedback had been positive.

A number of very positive commercial relationships were being developed following 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. With membership fees waived for this year, the regaining of membership income was seen as an area to watch.



### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Following consultation, a new membership structure is to be piloted in the Highlands and Islands region. This would allow for greater benefits to be passed on to clubs who need them, and pay for them, and for individual membership to be introduced. If successful, the plan would be to roll this out across Scotland in 2022/23.

### **COMPETITIONS:**

Scottish Squash is working with Glasgow Life to see if we can bring the World Doubles to Glasgow in 2022. We already have the European Masters to be held here, and bringing another world level tournament would be good for Squash in Scotland.

Other competitions are gradually being brought back when restrictions allow, but a full calendar is expected from January 2022.

### **PLAYERS AND PERFORMANCE:**

The Performance Players were having a good run of results and PSA Tournament wins, with Lisa Aitken achieving her highest ever WR of 33, while there was significant effort going into doubles.

The Men's Team event in Malaysia is going ahead in December, with the Scottish Team attending.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting is on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

### **FOR REGIONAL COMMITTEES/CLUBS:**

If there is anything in this summary that is of particular interest, please contact your Board Rep, Maggie Still (CEO), or Mark Adderley (Chair) – please contact [info@scottishsquash.org](mailto:info@scottishsquash.org) if you require individual contact details.

Thanks

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