



Scottish Squash Limited (SSL) Board – May 2023

Regional Committee / Director update following SSL Board Meeting 15th May 2023

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 appeals).

Introductions

The Chair, Paul Macari welcomed everyone to the meeting and reserved a special congratulations for the Women's National Team who were recently promoted back to division 1 of the European Team Championships following their success in winning division 2 in April.

Governance

Finance & Commercial Sub Committee

Finance

It was confirmed that the draft year end accounts for 2022-23 had come in on budget with a break-even position likely to be confirmed following an independent examination. Such a position would ensure that the company reserves remain comfortably within the reserves policy range.

Budgets have been prepared for the new 2023-24 financial year and confirmation of the new **sportscotland** investment for 2023-27 had been received. The governing body has secured a small uplift to specifically support the development of the player pathway within the [refreshed 2023-27 strategic plan](#). The continued support from **sportscotland** was noted as was the ongoing support from Springfield Properties a the wider family of sponsors.

Commercial

The Commercial Working Group have [finalised a new commercial structure to support the growth of squash in Scotland](#). There are various partnership opportunities aligned to three key strands: elite performance; events; and community development. The major events strand and particularly the forthcoming [2023 Springfield Scottish Squash Open \(20th-24th September at Inverness Tennis & Squash Club\)](#) provides an immediate opportunity to engage potential new sponsors and re-engage sponsors from the 2022 event.



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Risk and Compliance Sub Committee

Developing a more robust succession plan for the recruitment of key Board roles remains a priority. Growing the new membership package, its benefits offer and ultimately the overall income to invest back into the sport continues to be a key focus, and the Membership Working Group has been re-established to support this.

Strategy (inc. Clubs, Competitions, Coaching & Players)

A vacancy remains as Equality Champion on the Board. A revised Equality Action Plan, to align to the 2023-27 strategic cycle, is being developed and the external diversity and inclusion working group is being re-established. [Applications are now being welcomed from individuals with expertise and experience in equality, diversity and inclusion to join the external working group.](#)

[Following a fundraising campaign led by the group of players and parents](#), Scotland will send a women's team (for the first time since 2005) and additional male and female players to the individual World Championships in Australia in July.

Work continues on the development of the competition calendar for season 2023-24 and regions and clubs should stay posted for details of platinum host venues and [gold sanctioned competition applications](#).

A project is underway to transition the referee workforce to the World Squash Officiating scheme.

[Annual Awards Ceremony, Glasgow University](#) – tickets now on sale!

The Annual Awards Ceremony will return on Saturday 7th October (from 7pm until late). Tickets are now on sale and more information can be seen via the link above.

Award nominations for season 2022-23 are also open and further details can be seen [here](#). The following award categories are available:

- Junior / Senior / Masters Player of the Year (x3 awards)
- Coach or Coaching Team of the Year
- Referee of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Services to Squash Award

2023 AGM

The 2023 AGM will align with the Springfield Scottish Squash Open (SSSO) in Inverness on Saturday 23rd September. A hybrid option will be delivered for those not able to make it to the SSSO.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is on 14th August 2023.



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For Regional Committees/Clubs

If there is anything in this summary that is of particular interest, please contact your Regional Director/Nominee, Maggie Still (Chief Executive), or Paul Macari (Chair) – please contact info@scottishsquash.org if you require individual contact details.

Thanks

Paul Macari (Chair)



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