

County Secretary's 2011 AGM Report (David Law)

Committee

This part of my report is very similar to what I have written for the past two seasons. My major concerns are still;

1. A lack of women on the committee and willing to take an active role in organising squash within the county. The President of ESR is a woman, so is the Chair of the ESR Board of Directors and a number of county reps on the ESR Council. Yet this last season there were again no woman rep on the county committee. However there has been some progress in that we were able to field inter-county teams at senior level as well as for Women O40 this year, but only by the support of the U19 girls' parents. And at junior level Ronnie Bull has run the Junior Squash leagues and Ronnie and Monica Finlayson have come forward to organise the County Junior Closed for at least the last three years. They do a brilliant job and many thanks from the committee to them. However Ronnie has indicated that she has done enough and we now need an organiser to run the junior leagues for the coming season.
2. You'll note from the AGM agenda that yet again there are a number of vacancies on the committee. As well as being county captain, Stuart Summers has also gallantly organised the County Closed for a number of years. Because of family and work commitments Stuart now wants to relinquish this task. The county is prepared to give some monetary reward to anyone willing to take on this task. For more information please see *Event Management – County Closed* on the Hants website in the "About us and Contact us" section
3. Inter-county championships. There are still categories where we could enter teams, but we don't because there is no one to organise. Entries close on 15 July. I've circulated a list which shows where we need volunteers. You have been warned! no organiser – no team.

Some good news. Those who were at last year's AGM will know that Simon Walker only agreed to continue as Junior Organiser because we couldn't find anyone willing to replace him. I'm pleased to report that Julie Keefe has volunteered to fill this role. The junior organiser is principally responsible for managing the junior county teams through the age group squad coaches and with a son as a nationally top ranking junior, Julie has a personal interest in this area and I'm sure she will find the role interesting and rewarding.

ESR Membership

A reminder that ESR membership is a requirement for all clubs participating in the Hampshire Leagues. I'm pleased to report an improvement in the speed with which clubs have renewed their membership this year. However there were a couple of clubs who were seriously behind in their payments. We gave them a warning that there would be a points deduction from all their teams if they didn't pay by a certain date. We intend to do the same this year.

Hampshire Schools Sports Federation Awards

Every year the Hants SRA is invited to nominate a junior squash player for the Michael Austin Harlick outstanding sports person awards. Whoever we nominate gets invited to a presentation evening to collect their award along with all the winners from other sports. Every year I notify clubs and ask for nominations. Usually only Lee or Winchester respond. So far I've had no nominations.

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