

# English Racketlon Association



**The AGM took place on 29.10.2011.**

## **Attendees:**

Siraz Natha, Stuart Foster, Gary Jackson, Dave Sutlieff, Dominique Ford, Richard Lawrence, Hassan Kayani, Jeremy Krystyniak, Richard Boreham, Darren Vickery, Rakesh Gupta, Daniel Gillett, Keith Lesser, Duncan Stahl, Dave Culshaw, Laurel Bennett and Fabien Mauroy.

**Apologies:** Phil Todd, Ray Jordan, John Garland, Stuart Hobden and Julian Kashdan-Brown.

## **Minutes**

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## **1. Elections**

The following elections took place at the AGM.

Non-Executive President – Stuart Foster

Chairman – Ray Jordan

Vice Chairman – Richard Lawrence

Treasurer – Keith Lesser

Events Officer – Dominique Ford,

Sub-Committee & Event Organisers - Richard Lawrence, Keith Lesser, Rakesh Gupta, Duncan Marlow, Andrew Hopwood, Siraz Natha, Phil Todd, John Garland, Stuart Hobden, Daniel Woodley and Dianne Baker.

IT & Operations Officer – Richard Lawrence.

Rankings Officer – Stuart Hobden. Deputy – Richard Boreham

North of England Development Officers – Siraz Natha & Phil Todd

Community Funding Officer – Siraz Natha

Marketing Officer – Duncan Stahl

Sponsorship Officer – Rakesh Gupta

Sport England & Recognition Officer – Julian Kashdan-Brown

Clubs & Counties Officer – John Garland

FIR Council Representation – Gary Tovey

## **2. England Team**

Stuart Foster outlined it had been a successful year for the England team with a bronze medal for the Junior team in the World Championships for the 2nd consecutive year.

## **3. FIR**

In Ray's absence, Keith advised Gary Tovey is a new member of the FIR Council. The FIR Champions League 2012 will be held as part of the English Open and require 2 Ladies (same format as played at the County event with an additional Mixed Doubles). Other major events will take place next year in Bulgaria and Stockholm.

#### **4. Finances**

Keith presented the 30.09.2011 accounts which were signed off by the AGM.

#### **5. Events**

Dominique advised that there was general growth and areas to address were further geographies and player retention.

#### **6. IT & Operations**

Richard advised of various hot topics before, during and after events and looks to make various improvements to the way tournaments are delivered to improve the player experience. Some of these will be trialled at the British Open, including players entering their scores directly on resultreporter on a laptop (applies to world ranking events only).

#### **7. Rankings**

Stuart Hobden advised through a report that various ranking systems had been evaluated and some small changes would be made for 2012. Richard Boreham is also underway with discussions with Stuart on this matter. Stuart also emphasised similar messages to Dominique.

#### **8. North of England & Community Funding**

Siraz outlined some of his ideas and this was fully supported by the AGM.

#### **9. Sport England**

Julian Kashdan-Brown had prepared some documents for review and some suggested re-wording of the articles of association. The board agreed to delegate this to an agreed selection of officers for sign off at next week's British Open.

More general discussion also took place and 11 initial work packages were agreed for the coming year. This list is not exhaustive.

- England Squash
- BUSA
- Finalisation of the Community Interests Company
- North of England Development
- More Clubs
- Creation of a Generic Racketlon Poster
- Updating of the Website and About Section
- Corporate Entertainment
- Coaching Days
- Improve Tournament Experience & Delivery (gain player feedback with a view for higher player retention and volume of events)

- Sport England Recognition

Full reports will be posted on the website in due course.

**10. AOB**

No points were raised.