

# County Squash and Racketball Associations Network (CAN)

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Report from the Chairman

July 2018

Dear all,

Following the Council meeting in May, I contacted the Chair of the Board of England Squash in order to raise with the Board some of the continuing issues, knowing that there was to be a Board meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

I also sent to the Board my report of the meetings on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

The topics I raised included a request for figures and evidence on participation in relation to their heralded programmes such as Squash 101, as well as expressed reservations on the pursuit of Club Locker as a preferred software provider. I also asked the Board to consider a request for them to meet with representatives of CAN.

I have not yet had a response and the Board Minutes are not yet available, but I will shortly seek a reply.

However, I understand that the Board is seeking to inform itself on a couple of matters. The first is Regional Forums, and I believe that Mark Williams has been asked to do a review. I would suggest that, if possible, the Board members speak directly to the active and inactive regional forums in order to get as full a picture as possible.

The second is a consideration that Squash Player Magazine be offered as a member benefit only in digital format. I am sure that all counties and clubs will have a view on this and you may remember a survey just a couple of years ago. This seems to be a cost cutting measure on the part of England Squash and the Board wishes to be sure that it makes the right decision. It would be helpful if you could raise the matter again with your clubs and players and let us have your comments to feed back to the Board.

My thanks to all who have managed to complete and return the County Audit survey, and to those who have yet to do so, the task can be shared and returned by several people as necessary with completed sections. I attach it again herewith. When it is completed, it should come to me at [alanbatch1@gmail.com](mailto:alanbatch1@gmail.com).

We are planning a full meeting of CAN at Coventry Squash Club of 8<sup>th</sup> September, when we can share with you the results of the survey and your feedback on Squash Player magazine.

Mike Clemson is working on the agenda and format of the meeting, but the following will highlight the range of things we wish to cover

“ we need to use the CAN meeting to agree with the CAs specific programmes, some or parts of which may be co-ordinated by Regional Forums, to be pursued by the CAs with specific objectives, under the headings of Promoting Participation, Junior Competition, the use of IT, marketing Affiliation and Membership, Coaching and the support of Coaches, promotion of Refereeing, promotion of Racketball/Squash57. These to be addressed by Working Groups starting with specific proposals from the CAN Consultants for those topics

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and any outcomes from the Audit, and to include recommendations as to how ES staff can best support the actions agreed. The plenary session adopting the outcomes could also address other issues such as the ES Articles of Association, response from the Board, proposals for the November Council meeting and AGM etc.”

Ambitious – yes. Achievable? – I think so.

Unfortunately, we have no funds to support your travel to Coventry, so perhaps you could ask your County Association to pay for you. I do hope that you will be able to join us on 8<sup>th</sup> September as we continue together to promote our sport.

Regards

Alan Batchelor