

# **FERRIBY HALL SQUASH CLUB**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE DUKE OF CUMBERLAND – NORTH FERRIBY**

7.30 pm Wednesday 29th January 2014

### **PRESENT**

Ron Freitag (Chairman)  
Steve Birss (Secretary)  
Richard Brown  
Nigel Downes  
Clive Tomlinson  
Matt Lambert  
Austin Potter

Mike Archibald  
Mike Johnson  
Simon Tomlinson  
Mike Clemson  
Steve Verity  
Bob Gibson  
Steve Hunt

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were given and accepted from:

Ian Bennett  
Bob Carroll  
Ian White

Rose Dobson  
Chris Bowlas  
Mel Hatfield

### **MINUTES OF 2013 AGM**

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were approved as a correct record by those members present.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Reviewing 2013, Ron Freitag reported that it had been a difficult year with very high maintenance costs plus membership figures remaining at a fairly low figure, although slightly improving on the previous years.

Fortunately our income was up significantly by 15% on the year thanks mainly to an increase in light fees and the increased daytime usage by Hull Collegiate which contributed £800.

#### **Maintenance Undertaken.**

In November the fire alarm system was installed to comply with Health & Safety requirements at a cost of £1600.

The major expenditure of the year occurred in May, with the replacement of the roof, at a cost of £26,400. This was necessary as the roof has required numerous repairs during previous years.

Once the roof was repaired we had the overhead heaters and lights renewed to save on scaffolding costs and court down time at cost of £2400 and this should last for about 4 years. Drip trays were also installed to prevent condensation dripping onto the courts.

One other major cause for concern is drainage system that serves the club and the main building, with the potential risk from flood.

We commissioned a survey with CCTV and established that some drains are in need of repair. The survey cost £890, half of which will be paid for by Ferriby Hall as we have shared responsibility of drains on the site.

Further maintenance was also required on the Barn.

At the last AGM, we budgeted for court refurbishment, internal decoration, new carpets, new control valves and shower heads plus normal maintenance costs but we had additional costs for roof repairs, plumbing and water treatment. This resulted in one of the highest annual maintenance costs ever.

### **Playing Activities.**

There has been no Yorkshire League team and only two teams entered into the Hull and District leagues due to lack of interest.

Summer and Winter Handicap Leagues were again well supported. Thanks to Nigel Downes for running the leagues.

We regret that no Club Handicap tournament but the Club championship was completed with Jon Horler beating Mike Clemson in the final, thanks to Matt Lambert for organising.

Racketball leagues run by Mike Archibald.

Squash Mini Leagues are still very popular. Thanks to Clive Tomlinson for maintaining the leagues.

Andy Cockerill's Junior Coaching sessions on a Monday are well supported, with some very promising youngsters coming through.

One major decision made in October was not to re affiliate with England Squash for this year, following their decision to increase fees significantly. We reviewed what benefits the club receives from this organisation and concluded none at all! This will realise a saving of £1300 per year but the club will still support those individuals wishing to enter England Squash events and the club will pay.

Thanks go to Nigel Downes and Simon Hudson for redesigning the club website.

Our objectives for 2014 are to maintain the high standards of the Club facilities, provide internal and external competition opportunities and endeavour to attract more members to the Club.

**Committee.**

Finally the Chairman thanked the committee members for their continued work and support.

As it is my last year as chairman, I believe that I leave the club in very good order, and also in very safe hands for the future.

**End of years account review.**

As previously stated with maintenance costs of £34,600 our assets were diminished.

A deficit of £18,974 on the year and current assets standing at -£307 is not a large problem as we still have a provision of a £25,000 redevelopment fund, and all major maintenance costs are out of the way.

Income will increase this year and known costs are manageable, with the exception of gas and electricity cost which will inevitably rise.

Savings from England Squash and possibly Security costs will also help to reiterate the strong position we have enjoyed for some years.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

At the time of the AGM the total membership count was 168 compared to 160 at the same time last year. This was made up of 130 Adults, 30 Juniors, 5 Off Peak, 3 Students members.

**MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT FOR 2013**

In addition to normal maintenance and repairs proposals are as follows.

The court walls are to be cleaned as this hasn't been carried out for the past two years and this will be at a cost of £420 + VAT = £504 per court.

Richard Brown explained the reasoning surrounding the drain survey and the work that has been identified as a result and it is expected that the remedial work will be completed this year with the costs just under £4000. The club will instigate competitive tenders for the work required together with Ferriby Hall management.

**MEMBERSHIP AND COURT FEES**

The committee is not proposing any increase in light or membership fees this year, but reserves the right to increase both by up to 12.5 % if the necessity arises.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2014**

The following members stood for re-election:-

1. Steve Birss (Secretary )
2. Matt Lambert
3. Clive Tomlinson
4. Nigel Downes
5. Ian White
6. Mel Hatfield

## 7. Bob Carroll

Ron Freitag is standing down from his role as Chairman and from the committee. The Secretary thanked Ron for his contribution during his time on the committee.

It was proposed and seconded that Richard Brown take up the role as chairman and this was unanimously approved.

Steve Verity was proposed and elected as the new club Treasurer.

It was also proposed that the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer roles should be the subject of a maximum tenure.

The proposal of a maximum of 3 years for the Chairman and of 5 years for the Secretary and Treasurer was approved by those that attended the AGM, with a minimum of 1 year between and member able to take up one of the aforementioned roles. This does not preclude a committee member standing down earlier if so desired. This will now be written into the club rules.

By unanimous vote the AGM elected the above members to form the 2014 Club Committee.

The caretaker role was proposed and seconded, in that Mike Archibald is to fulfil this role and has been co-opted onto the committee.

A presentation was held for Ron Freitag with the members attending the AGM proposing and agreeing that Ron will receive honorary membership to the club for as long as he plays and his years of service were recognised as a result.

Mike Clemson asked that in his capacity at Yorkshire Squash that it be placed on record that Ron's work has been exceptional and as a result the club is held in very high regard both locally and nationally.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None