

FERRIBY HALL SQUASH CLUB

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

7.30 pm Wednesday 28th January 2015

PRESENT

Richard Brown (Chairman)	Mike Archibald
Steve Birss (Secretary)	Bob Carroll
Steve Verity (Treasurer)	Bob Gibson
Nigel Downes	Mike Clemson
Ron Freitag	Mel Hatfield
Ian White	

APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were given and accepted from:

Ian Bennett	Rose Dobson
Clive Tomlinson	Chris Bowlas
Matt Lambert	Mike Slade
Gordon Bell	Sandra Bell
Leigh Burgoyne	Andy Leonard
Don Sewell	Sue Sewell

MINUTES OF 2014 AGM

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved as a correct record by those members present.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Reviewing 2014:

Not as difficult financially as the previous year, the income from subs and lights is slightly down and expenditure similar.

Maintenance and expenditure undertaken during 2014

- Long standing problems with drains now resolved, two sections replaced in August 2014 with a total cost of £4,190.00. This cost was shared with the owners of Ferriby Hall.

- Garden maintenance work carried out to rear area of club and ongoing weed killer programme is being undertaken.
 - Car park barrier repaired in October – cost £900.00. (replacement cost would have been circa £4,000.00)
 - IT upgrades carried out during year.
- ❖ Payne has installed a new upgrade as result of the system crashing.
 - ❖ Kingston communications upgrade complete, and new router installed which is also Wi-Fi enabled.
 - ❖ The club is still suffering from interruptions which are due to localised power outages.
- Purchase of defibrillator and a series of training courses carried out during year – total cost £2,500.00
- ❖ Defibrillator installed in alarmed cabinet.
 - ❖ 21 members trained (several members already trained through vocational occupation).

Thanks to Mike Archibald for his continued efforts in keeping the club to the standard we all take for granted.

Thanks also to Austen Potter for carrying out several repair jobs undertaken on various occasions.

Future maintenance provisions will be needed for :-

- The Barn – a structural Engineers report will be required this year.
- Court floors and walls maintenance/upgrading
- Court lighting replacement / up-grading.

Further information pertaining to future maintenance provisions are found later in these minutes.

Playing activities

Club activities have thankfully continued to be very well supported and organised by members.

Yorkshire League

The Club this year has a team entered in the Yorkshire League. The team is managed by Nick Padgett and playing in Division 2. To facilitate this we agreed to re-affiliate with ESR for 12 members and we are registered accordingly.

To date the team is performing well, and is comprised of a number of young club members all of which are under 30.

It is worthy of note that two of the regular team members playing for Ferriby are ex-juniors of the club. Judging on current performance they are looking to finish in mid-league.

Thanks to Nick for instigating the set-up of the team up and acting as manager.

Hull & District.

The club has entered three teams in Divisions 1, 3 and 4 all of which appear to be doing well.

Summer and Winter Handicap Teams

As always well supported and managed, thanks to Nigel Downes.

Both Summer and Winter Leagues continue to be well supported, with positive comments from members regarding the competitions. Pleased to be able to report that the competitions are also being supported by our younger members challenging themselves to improve, which is good to see and there is some excellent potential for the future. There remain some good hard fought close matches with teams retiring to the pub for a convivial de brief afterwards, which remains a corner stone of the competitions.

Club Squash Handicap tournament

This competition was recently won by James Maxwell who beat Phil Parsons in the final, thanks to Matt Lambert for arranging.

Club Squash Championship tournament

This is due to commence albeit belatedly – thanks again to Matt Lambert.

Racketball Tournaments.

Two handicapped tournaments are being run through the year, a singles and a doubles, whilst not as many members play racket ball as squash they are still well supported and the competition is very strong. Thanks to Mike Archibald for managing.

Squash mini Leagues

The mini leagues continue to be well supported. With the recent introduction to award the monthly winner in each league, one session of court lights credit as incentive to play all their games. Thanks to Clive Tomlinson for managing.

Racket ball Mini leagues

This league also continues to be well supported, particularly by the 'dark side' members of the club! Thanks again to Mike Archibald for managing.

Junior Coaching

Sincere thanks to Andy Cockerill's professionalism and enthusiasm in delivering the junior coaching which continues to be very well supported. The junior programme continues to run on Monday evenings.

- Session 1 currently has 7 juniors – age 4 to 10 year olds.
- Session 2 currently has 10 regular juniors – age 10 to 16 year olds.

Adult coaching

These sessions commenced September 2014 and have generally been fully booked with six members using the sessions.

To ensure sessions remain fully booked in the future and to give more members the opportunity to continue coaching a "sign up" sheet is about to be placed on the Coaching Notice Board.

Coaching sessions for racketball are also available.

Thanks to Andy for his continued support.

Club on line booking system and web site

Our booking system and web site continues to be envied and admired by other clubs and visiting players.

We have had upgrade works carried out – as previously mentioned.

Thanks to Nigel Downs and Simon Hudson for maintaining the club website and the booking system and also to Steve Birss, Matt Lambert and Mike Archibald for being there in support when we have had the occasional glitch.

Committee

The chairman offered his thanks to the committee for their support and contribution throughout the year.

End of year accounts review

The Treasurer explained that income for 2014 was very similar to 2013. The club has achieved real savings on the cost of insurance but the costs of gas and electricity have increased due to the club previously underpaying but we still achieved an operating surplus of £5480.

The provision for security is to be explored nearer the time that the current contract is due to expire.

The year-end figures have been subject of audit by the clubs accountants and approved.

Secretary's Report

At the time of the AGM the total membership count is 157 compared to 168 at the same time last year. This was made up of 121 Adults, 24 Juniors, 6 Off Peak, 6 Student members.

Maintenance and Development for 2015.

As well as normal day to day maintenance and repairs we propose to carry out the following improvement works as a priority to ensure that the high standards that the club provides are maintained:

- Court walls to be cleaned – provisional quotation of £1,260.00 received.
- Court overhead lighting to be replaced with LED fittings.

The current lights are starting to fail and therefore full replacement of the lamps, which we normally carry out costing several hundred pounds, is due imminently. Their replacement with LED lights will substantially improve the level of lighting on the courts, and effectively remove further replacement costs for a substantial number of years due to the LED's having a longer life and will reduce our electricity consumption.

A provisional quote of £3,600.00 has been obtained to complete this work for all three courts.

The committee also proposed that a three year programme be undertaken to replace all three court floors. This would comprise of one floor a year being replaced and the remaining two being sanded. A provisional quotation of £4,900.00 for replacing one floor and £800.00 for sanding the remaining floors pro rata has been received. This proposal is based on the current general condition of the floors which do vary in their states of repair and the fact that squash court floors have a limited number of times they can be sanded.

The committee also proposes that the club investigates the potential introduction of underfloor heating when each floor is replaced and also replacing each court entrance with a glass door (which in effect are maintenance free). There are no costs to date for the last two proposals but the committee feel that now is the correct time for these additions to be explored further. All of the above proposals are with the intention of both

improving the playing environment for the members and continuing to upgrade the club to be as good if not better than other clubs in the our area. Unlike most other clubs we do not have any facilities other than our courts which as we all know often attract favourable comments from visiting teams.

The Treasurer then provided a three year projection of income versus expenditure to include the proposals made above, which provided reassurance that the three year development plan is achievable. This included the provision for court advertising that Bob Carroll updated the attendees of the AGM and will realise £1800 per annum in income for the club.

The overall three year capital improvement plan was unanimously approved, with a reservation from some members regarding the introduction of glass doors.

Mike Clemson commented that it was great that the committee had the foresight to introduce the three year maintenance and development plan.

Membership and Court Fees

The club has not introduced or implemented any increase in membership or light fees for two years.

The committee is proposing the following increases to support the continuing maintenance and capital improvement costs, **if** considered necessary.

1. Adult membership to be increased to £90.00 – an increase of £5.00
2. 2nd member living at same address be removed – currently £55.00. Unfortunately this has been abused during the last renewal year.
3. Off peak membership to be increased to £50.00
4. An increase of 25 pence on both court booking and lights for peak and off-peak courts making total court fees of £5.00 and £4.00 respectively.

Points 1 and 3 above were unanimously agreed and if the committee consider the increase necessary, then this will be implemented October 2015.

Point 2 above was after a lengthy discussion also unanimously agreed by all those attending the AGM including members that it will directly affect. However there were four objections received from members who were unable to attend the AGM. This proposal will be implemented in October 2015 as the majority agreed.

Point 4 received one objection and therefore was also agreed by the majority and if the committee deem the increase necessary will be implemented October 2015.

The committee has agreed to look at the current peak / off peak times and review whether they are still fit for purpose.

Election of Officers and Committee members for 2015

The following members stand for re-election:-

Richard Brown (Chairman)

Steve Birss (Secretary)

Steve Verity (Treasurer)

Clive Tomlinson

Nigel Downes

Ian White

Mel Hatfield

Matt Lambert

Bob Carroll

Mike Archibald (Supervisor)

By unanimous vote the AGM elected the above members to form the 2015 Club Committee.

The arrangement for the separate caretaker/supervisor role undertaken by Mike Archibald has proved very successful and Mike has confirmed that he is willing to continue this next year.

Amendments to Club Rules and Constitution

Proposed that in order to more accurately reflect the clubs activities and in line with England Squash and Racketball, the Club name is changed to "Ferriby Hall Squash and Racketball"

After another lengthy discussion and various other suggestions it was unanimously agreed that the club change its name to:

"Ferriby Hall Squash and Racketball"

Any other business

None.