

# **FERRIBY HALL SQUASH CLUB**

## **Committee Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Present:** Richard Brown (Chairman)  
Steve Birss (Secretary)  
Steve Verity (Treasurer)  
Mike Archibald (Caretaker)  
Nigel Downes  
Matt Lambert  
Mel Hatfield  
Clive Tomlinson

**Apologies:** Ian White  
Bob Carroll

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were approved as an accurate summary of the proceedings.

The minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were approved as an accurate summary of the proceedings.

### **Secretary's Report.**

The secretary explained that the current membership was running at 170 members, made up of:

Adults	132
Juniors	30
Off peak	5
Students	3

This is about right for this time of year based on previous records of past years.

### **Treasurer's Report.**

The Treasurer provided an income and expenditure report which was approved by the committee and will be subject of audit in the normal way. The treasurer has agreed to provide for future committee meetings a comparison of his report with previous years.

A new laptop has been purchased to allow for all club finances to be recorded and remains the property of the club and will be handed to future Treasurers who take on this role.

Online access to the clubs bank statements has been granted in a read only format to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer is to make a provision for the outstanding monies owed for the clubs gas and electricity and is to monitor the rates levied on the club and report his findings to the committee.

### **Web Site & On Line System.**

Nigel Downes reported that the new website is now live and appears to be working well. Nigel is to liaise with Karoo and update the clubs tariff. The committee offered their thanks to Nigel and Simon Hudson for their work on the club website.

## **Playing matters**

### **Handicap Leagues**

The summer handicap leagues start on 17/3/14 and are still well supported. It was agreed by the committee that Nigel would send out a reminder to all team members reminding them of the etiquette of staying and marking their team's games.

### **Mini Leagues**

Mini leagues continue to receive strong support from many members of the club.

### **Racket ball**

Racket ball at the club seems to be going from strength to strength and is well represented.

### **Juniors**

Junior coaching is progressing well on Mondays and in addition there is increased daytime usage by Hull Collegiate School each week.

### **Humber Squash**

Humber Squash is currently under supported at the club, as it is at most of the local clubs.

### **Tournaments**

Matt Lambert has taken over the club tournaments and will advertise the Handicap Squash Tournament shortly. It was decided not to have separate Men's and Ladies Tournaments for 2014 as a trial.

Mike Archibald will oversee a Club Racket ball Tournament.

### **Maintenance / Caretakers Report**

The caretaker reported that the club had suffered a minor gas leak, which was reported to British Gas and has been rectified.

The issues surrounding drainage is ongoing and will be progressed by Richard Brown and Ron Freitag with the management of Ferriby Hall.

Continuous monitoring of the condition of the Barn is ongoing and updates will be provided in future reports.

The court maintenance programme is due to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014, all members have been notified by email

### **Development**

A discussion surrounded the current location of all notice boards within the club and it was unanimously agreed that Mike Archibald would lead on this with the assistance of other committee members and formulate a plan of what should be displayed where within the club.

### **Any Other Business.**

Two committee members have proposed that the club purchase a defibrillator. Richard Brown will make further enquiries and is to liaise with Anne Bakke and report back to the next committee meeting with his findings.

The Secretary proposed that due to under usage the cost of courts over a weekend should be reduced to the off peak charge for both Saturdays and Sundays. After a short discussion the proposal was approved and should be implemented for the remainder of the current membership year as a trial.

A proposal has been received by the Committee regarding the placing of advertising on the "Tins" on each court, and thus gain revenue from this advertising. This led to a lengthy discussion which also encompassed the placing of a notice board within the club for members to also advertise on. It was agreed that an email would be sent to all members canvassing whether there is an appetite for this advertising. No decision was made at this meeting and further information and details are required for further discussion at the next meeting.

An accessories type vending machine for balls and grips was discussed and approved if this presents itself as a no cost option to the club and a suitable site in the club is identified.

A discussion took place surrounding whether to lock the office or not for a number of reasons, but unanimous agreement was not reached. The Chairman is to consider this proposal and further discussion will take place at the next committee meeting in conjunction with the proposed purchase of a defibrillator and its location.

A proposal was raised to change the club name from Ferriby Hall Squash Club to Ferriby Hall Squash and Racket Ball Club. As this can only be voted in at the Club AGM and the committee did not support an extraordinary AGM purely to consider this item, it will be proposed at the next AGM in January 2015.

The Chairman informed the committee that on behalf of the club he has opposed a planning application submitted by Medici Restaurant for a late night alcohol licence and will keep the committee updated with the planning proposal.

**Date of next meeting.**

The proposed date of the next meeting will be forwarded in due course.

Steve Birss.  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2014