

FERRIBY HALL SQUASH CLUB

Committee Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 22nd October 2014

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

Apologies: Ian White
Bob Carroll

Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 9th July 2014 were approved as an accurate summary of the proceedings.

Secretary's Report.

The secretary explained that the current membership was running at 148 members, made up of:

Adults	135	116
Juniors	35	24
Off peak	8	5
Students	3	3

The numbers in red are the current membership, the numbers in black are the membership from July this year for comparison.

A discussion surrounding opening up the BACS payment for renewals for the members and the potential for members to pay their subscription by direct debit occurred. It was agreed to discuss the issue of BACS further over the coming year but it was felt that direct debit payments would be too onerous and problematic.

Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer provided an update regarding the accounts and the report was accepted, the accounts will now be sent to the Clubs Accountants for ratification.

The treasurer stated that the operating profit for this year was £2411 and the club was approximately £3000 down on subscriptions from 2013 to 2014. The reserve account stands at £19980 but had only attracted £10 interest for the year, therefore it was agreed by the committee that the treasurer and the chairman would scope the possibility of changing accounts.

The treasurer requested phone app access to the Barclays account which was unanimously agreed by the committee.

The Chairman asked for the committee to consider membership fees and court booking fees. This will be discussed in depth at the next committee meeting prior to the AGM.

Website & Online System.

No issues with website or the online booking system.

The club now has a new faster wireless router and the login details are:

Network Name: FHSC Password: ferribyhall

After a recent power loss at the club and after discussing the issues with Payne, it has been agreed to remove the UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) and install a surge protector for the club system. The new facility to invite a member to play had initially been charging the wrong amount this has now been rectified to reflect the true costs of the courts.

Responsibility for block booking was discussed and the following responsibilities were agreed:

Matt Lambert Hull & District / Yorkshire League
Nigel Downes Summer & Winter Leagues
Steve Birss Hull Collegiate / Racketball Doubles / Juniors Coaching

Playing matters

Handicap Leagues

The Handicap Leagues are due to start on 2nd November and are currently well subscribed.

Mini Leagues

Mini leagues continue to receive strong support from club members.

Racket ball

Racket ball at the club continues to receive strong support from the club members. It was agreed to increase the number of racket ball tournaments to two and to purchase a trophy.

Juniors and Club Coach

Junior coaching is going well. Steve Birss to check with Andy Cockerill to ensure those participating are members of the club.

Andy reports that the coaching session he has offered is also going well.

Humber Squash and Yorkshire Leagues

Hull & District appears to be going well with the club having three teams regularly playing.

Steve Verity proposed purchasing club T shirts for his Hull & District team and will provide the committee with samples.

Also Andy Cockerill Club Coach has proposed designing a T shirt for the club and in particular it being available for sale to the juniors, Andy has been asked to provide a sample also.

Yorkshire League

The Yorkshire League Team is going well and all are full members of the club.

Tournaments

Matt Lambert has posted the club handicap tournament and it is nearing the final.

The Club tournament is now on the board downstairs outside Court 2.

Club Captain

It was agreed unanimously by the committee that the position of Club Captain is not required currently the responsibilities of the role is adequately shared by committee members.

Maintenance / Supervisor's Report

Mike Archibald stated all the showers have been steam cleaned and everything in the club is currently in order. The roof light grille in the Female Changing Room requires turning round.

The repairs to the drain system that services the club is now complete and final costs were within budget.

The Barn continues to be monitored by Richard Brown and will require an engineer's report in 2015.

The repairs to the car park barrier are now complete at a cost of £900 which included the call out charge and vat.

The foliage and a tree on the banks at the rear of the club have been cut back and Matt Lambert will arrange for the company to return and spray the area to keep from growing back.

Health & Safety

The fire assessment for the club has been reviewed by Richard Brown and the file updated.

Development

Bob Carroll and Richard Brown have completed a trial, placing sample advertising on the tins to see if there were any adverse effects or comments. The committee voted on the issue of court tin advertising and it has been unanimously agreed in principle.

It was agreed that there would be four advertising spaces per court at a proposed cost of between a £100 and £150 per space. It was also agreed to open up the advertising spaces to local companies and if there is enough interest positions will be decided by means of a draw.

Members will take preference over availability.

AGM

As previously stated the committee is to consider the associated costs of membership and court light fees for the next committee meeting and once a decision is made the proposal will be discussed at the AGM.

There has also been a proposal to include Racket Ball in the club name, this will be proposed at the AGM.

All committee members who attended this meeting agreed to stand for re-election at the AGM.

Any Other Business.

The de fib is now installed and is operational and three training courses have now been held with a total of 15 members attending and all qualified.

A fourth course is currently being arranged.

Richard Brown to diary refresher training for those members trained within the required timescales.

Date of next meeting.

The proposed date of the next meeting will be confirmed.

Steve Birss.

Saturday 1st November 2014