



FERRIBY HALL

SQUASH & RACKETBALL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 7 MAY 2026 AT 7.00 PM AT THE
DUKE OF CUMBERLAND, NORTH FERRIBY

PRESENT

Martin Shaw (Chair), Duncan Ross (Deputy Chair), Steve Verity (Treasurer), Mike Clemson (Secretary), Paul Booth, Jackie Smith, Colin Brooks, Mike Archibald, Mike Jones, Simon Tomlinson, Mike Mulligan, Simon Hudson, Nigel Downes, Chris Bowlas and Mike Reid

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received

MINUTES

Minutes of the 2025 AGM had been available on the Club Website and were approved

MATTERS ARISING

Duncan Ross reported that progress on renewable energy was awaiting the change in the legal status of the club

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mike Clemson reported that his main areas of activity since taking over as Secretary at the 2025 AGM were the servicing of Committee and General meetings, processing of applications for membership, preparation of an Information sheet about how the club operates (mainly) for new members, and other administrative tasks. He thanked Mike Jones, Chris Bowlas and Duncan Ross for taking on specific areas of work, and Martin Shaw for his general support

MEMBERSHIP

Mike Jones reported that membership on 30 April 2026 totalled 142, consisting of 109 adults, 28 Juniors, 5 students and 5 Yorkshire League professionals, an increase of 33 since November 2025. However, court bookings have remained much the same as the previous year, as has the income from court fees

TREASURER'S REPORT

The approved Accounts for 2024-25 had been circulated and were accepted by those present. Steve Verity reported that variations were due to problems in getting accurate and up to date energy figures, but that the accounts showed a small surplus of £228.

For 2025/26, Steve anticipated a surplus of around £4k on the Income and Expenditure Account. We have reserves of just over £36k in two bank accounts.

Steve was thanked for his exemplary keeping of the Accounts

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Paul Watson had independently verified the accuracy of the 2024/5 Accounts pro bono, and would be asked to do the same for 25/26. Thanks were expressed to him

PLAYING ACTIVITIES

Mike Clemson reported that the Yorkshire League 1st team had finished fifth in the Premier Division. The 2nd team, playing in Division 2 South and East, had done less well but had provided useful experience for some of our promising juniors. The Hull and District team had won Division 4 and the Grimsby Three Man team had finished mid way in the Premier Division

Internally, the Team Handicap Leagues are being well run by Paul Booth, and the Individual Squash Mini-Leagues by Richard Young. Racketball Mini-leagues are organised by Mike Archibald, and Colin Brooks is running both the Squash and Racketball Club Championships. A Ladies Saturday Club is being organised by Jackie Smith, with coaching support from Chris Bowlas. Thanks were expressed to all the Organisers of the various activities

The Club Coach, Andy Cockerill, is active most days of the week coaching juniors and adults, and Tony Broomfield does one session on Mondays, deputising for Fiona Reid. Andy is also the liaison with two schools who book day time courts on an occasional basis

COMMUNICATIONS

Chris Bowlas reported that he had prepared and circulated the first of what was hoped would be a regular newsletter, and had converted a Facebook page to a Members only, to which anyone (54 people to date) can post club related material. An externally facing Facebook page is on hold pending a review, and an Instagram page has been

established, with no contributions as yet. Whatsapp is also used to share club information.

Contact has been made with Humberside Police, whose Sports and Social Section has just set up a web site including a dedicated page for squash information and opportunities, to which Chris has provided information on the club and its activities

PREMISES MAINTENANCE

Mike Archibald reported that the Hive system of boiler control is now operative, guttering had been repaired, some external brickwork repointed, and the fencing at the rear of the building had been made secure, along with a variety of routine maintenance. Electrical work was booked for the end of May. The Committee would need to review the Health and Safety Policy in the light of notes provided by Colin Brooks. Mike was thanked for his work

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND COURT FEES 2026-27

A proposal to refer consideration of subscriptions and court fees for 2026/27 to the Committee was agreed, as there are five months before the date for renewal of subscriptions.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2026-27

Martin Shaw stood down as Chair and nominated Duncan Ross in his place. It was agreed that the co-opted members should become full members. There were no other nominations, so the existing members were re-elected en bloc, these being Duncan Ross (Chair), Steve Verity (Treasurer), Mike Clemson (Secretary), Mike Archibald, Chris Bowlas, Colin Brooks, Nigel Downes, Mike Jones, Martin Shaw and Simon Tomlinson

CHANGE OF LEGAL STRUCTURE

Duncan Ross reviewed the reasons why it is proposed that the Club become a Company Limited by Guarantee. It was then formally proposed that 'The Members approve the transition of Ferriby Hall Squash Club Ltd. To Ferriby Hall Squash and Racketball Club, a Company Limited by Guarantee, and authorise the Board to complete all associated legal and operational steps'. This was agreed unanimously.

Registration as a CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club) is in process but not yet complete

OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Ron Freitag, a former Chairman of the Club for many years, had sent his greetings
- (b) It was agreed there was a need for a Racketball Whatsapp group

- (c) Concern was expressed that some new members are not clear about how the club operates, for instance how the fob is to be used
- (d) It was agreed that a representative of the younger members on the Committee was desirable
- (e) The owners of the front building were proposing a console system for cars using any of the car parks, but there was no further information as yet. It was noted that the Club owns the upper car park and has right of access to it

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm