



FERRIBY HALL

SQUASH & RACKETBALL

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 JULY 2026

PRESENT: Duncan Ross (Chair), Mike Clemson (Secretary), Mike Archibald, Colin Brooks, Mike Jones, Martin Shaw and Simon Tomlinson

APOLOGIES: Chris Bowlas, Nigel Downes and Steve Verity

MINUTES of the Committee meeting held on 26 February 2026 and the AGM held on 7 May 2026 were approved as a correct record

MATTERS ARISING: It was agreed at a future meeting to consider widening the representation on the Committee to include younger members and women

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. The Treasurer had reported that we were heading towards a break-even situation for the current financial year, and that we have a substantial capital balance in hand. There was still uncertainty about energy costs. A review of the K Com contract had resulted in savings of circa £1k. It was noted that the club needs to generate a surplus every year of around £2-£3k to cover court maintenance costs. It was agreed that more detailed income and expenditure data and a budget for 2026-27 should be presented to the next Committee meeting - Steve
- b. The Club's Insurance was currently being reviewed with the Insurers, following a proposed increase in the premium, and other quotes were also being sought
- c. As regards Subscriptions for 2026-27, it was agreed to scrap the new members discount and lights credits. The Adult subscription would remain at £130, a new subscription rate of £30 will be introduced for aged 30 and below, which would include students aged 18+. The rates for juniors still at school would remain as is – junior at secondary school £20 and junior at primary/junior school £5, with the first junior of a parent member free of charge.
- e. It was agreed that all categories of adult membership should be offered the option of paying by monthly Standing Order. This will be presented as 'payment in instalments' rather than 'monthly membership'. The potential problem of members discontinuing payments was discussed and it was decided to monitor the situation to see if this arises. It was noted that we need more statistical data about appropriate age bands for subscriptions, which would need reviewing on an annual basis.

- f. There was initial discussion of court fees for 26/27, it was decided that Simon, Steve and Mike J would bring proposals to the next Committee meeting.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW COMPANY CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club)
Duncan reported that the new company was not successful in registering as a CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club) because a full set of Annual Accounts was required. Following discussions with Paul Watson, as there is no immediate advantage in securing CASC status, it was proposed that the new Company should become active at the start of the new financial year – 1 October 2026. This was agreed. Duncan to present full novation/transition plan to the new CLG arrangements at the next committee meeting.

DIRECTORS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

It was noted that responsibility for the Health and Safety Policy and the policies relating to Complaints, Discipline and Code of Conduct had yet to be finalised at the next meeting. It was agreed that all the Club's Policies required review, and that a checklist of actions arising from each Policy was required. The remaining Roles and Responsibilities were confirmed. Colin offered to arrange for a presentation on the Health and Safety policy.

It was decided that the electrical improvements are urgent as they impact on the electrical safety certificate. Duncan to undertake rapid review of any grants available, if none are found then payment will need to be made from reserves.

COMPLAINTS AND THE CODE OF CONDUCT

The committee reviewed recent complaints against members that have been received. It was agreed that the Chair should inform all parties of outcomes in any outstanding cases, and that the Committee now considered all cases closed. The committee reflected on a number of learning points from recent cases including:

- The swift appointment of an investigating officer and conclusion of cases
- The Chair not handling complaints in the first instance as they need to act as a potential point of appeal/arbitration
- Need for strict confidentiality around all complaints
- All committee members to familiarise themselves with the complaints policy

CLUB INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

A slightly amended version of the Guidelines had been circulated to the Committee. It was agreed without further amendment. It would require adoption by the Board of Directors of the new Company

PREMISES MATTERS

Mike Archibald reported on various repairs to the exterior of the building and noted that the exterior security lights required attention. As regards the overgrown piece of land between the top two car parks, it was noted that it does

not belong to the squash club, and that it should be drawn to the attention of the owners

COMPETITIONS

- a. Paul Booth has withdrawn from organising the Summer/Winter League, and Paul Watson had taken over for the remainder of the current round of fixtures. It was agreed that Simon should ask Paul W whether he was prepared to continue in the longer term
- b. Colin reported that the Club Championship and Plate event were progressing smoothly and that the Championship final would be played shortly. He hoped to organise the Racketball Championships to commence later in July
- c. With regard to Club teams in external competitions, it was agreed that the Club should pay for the Affiliation Fee to the Competition if one was required, but that individual teams were responsible for their entry fee.
- d. Martin had advised Mike Reid (Captain of the Club's team in the Yorkshire League Premier Division), of the situation about sponsorship for the coming season
- e. The Secretary proposed arranging a Markers course, particularly for players participating in the Summer/Winter leagues. It was agreed that he invite expressions of interest via the newsletter and social media before taking it further

COACHING

Because of lack of time, this item was held over until the next meeting with identified options for future arrangements – Chris

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday 3 September 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Ferriby Social Club

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm