

Committee Meeting Minutes - 25th September 2023

Present: Martin Shaw (Chairman)
Nigel Downes (Secretary)
Steve Verity (Treasurer)
Richard McAlpin
Ian White
Mel White
Simon Tomlinson
Steve Verity
Colin Brooks
Mike Archibald

Apologies: Helena Bidder

1) Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 9th March 2023 were approved as an accurate summary of the proceedings.

2) Secretary's Report

Adult membership renewals have gone well with the club attracting new members, mostly from Barrow (thanks to Paul Booth & Mick Mulligan for promoting the club there).

Current membership numbers are:	Adults	107
	Off peak	2
	Juniors	32
	Students	6
	Total	147

Based on the court usage by Hull Collegiate it seems a shame to miss the opportunity to put keen juniors in touch with Andy C for inclusion on his Friday evening School sessions.

3) Treasurers Report

- 2022 Accounts show:
 - £13,500 light fee income
 - £8100 membership fee income
 - £5400 Final year profit
- This year to date (4 months into membership year):
 - £7400 light fee income
 - £8700 membership fee income
 - £18,450 in bank account
 - £20,000 reserve

4) Website and Online

- Little use, so no known issues
- Booking system returned to pre-covid settings

5) Playing matters:

Handicap Leagues

- Handicap leagues going well

Mini-Leagues

- Few games being played
- Still building post covid
- Email members reminding about mini-league & advertise for new administrator

Yorkshire League Squash

- Team is currently top of the league doing really well
- Team is making history with their unbeaten run - need to highlight to members via email to encourage support
- Following expected promotion after this season a professional will be needed for next season (possibly 2 pros)

Racket ball

- Currently running / doubles still popular

Juniors

- Fiona Moverley running an academy for juniors
- Fiona's Saturday morning sessions are now fobbed following some complaints about lights being on unused courts

Hull and District

- 2 Teams to competing in divs 1 & 3 going well

Tournaments

- Knockout competition starting early April

Club Coach

- Andy Cockerill remains club coach with Fiona's assistance in terms of younger juniors
- Suggested that to encourage more of a conveyor belt for junior coaching that Pontefract is contacted for Ferriby to be a potential "feeder" club

6) Maintenance - Supervisors Report

- Some boiler issues noted with the boiler losing pressure - plumbers have been informed
- Suggested that the courts may need cleaning later this year (August - October)
- Ball vending machine is aged and balls are now more expensive than we can manipulate the machine to charge

7) Membership & Reaffiliation

- Affiliation of the club with England Squash £1025 pa

8) AGM discussion

- Fees
 - Lights fees to increase to £3.50 peak & £2.75 each with an option to increase to £4.00 & £3.00 each if required (due to rapid increase in energy costs)
 - Membership fees:
 - Adult - £100
 - Seniors - £85
 - Off-Peak - £85
 - Student - £40
 - Juniors remain £20 & £5
 - Proposal that new members have some funds loaded onto their lights
 - Committee members (Richard Brown and Bob Carroll to step down) all other members happy to stay on in current rolls with the exception of Steve Birss who is stepping down as Chair but is happy to stay on committee.
 - Martin Shaw is proposed as Chairman elect

9) Any other business

- The issue was raised about (lone?) adults changing in front of juniors or when at the club
- Suggested that to encourage new members by word of mouth a "referral" scheme could be introduced where the member receives some money onto their light account
- Suggested that Swanland Tennis club be approached about a reciprocal membership arrangement
- An email reminder about the Saturday club where people can go for a more informal "bash and beer"

10) Date of AGM

- To be arranged when the accounts have been finalised