



Annual General Meeting Minutes - 11th July 2024

Present: Martin Shaw (Chairman) Nigel Downes (Secretary)
 Steve Verity (Treasurer) Mike Archibald
 Mike Clemson Mike Jones
 Jackie Smith Richard McAlpin
 Steve Foley

1) Apologies

Simon Tomlinson	Ian White
Mel White	Steve Birss
Colin Brooks	Simon Hudson

2) Minutes of previous meeting

- Minutes of meeting held 13th June 2024 accepted as accurate.

3) Secretary's Report

The current membership:

- Adult Members: 83
- Junior Members: 29
- Off-Peak Members: 1
- Student Members: 8
- Total members: 121

It should be noted that these numbers are approximately static year on year. Attrition through age, injury and people moving away appears to be covered by new members.

- It is recognised that the demographic of the club is aging, and the number of women members is very low. (see Chairman's report and AOB)

4) Treasurer's Report

This has been a financial "recovery" year as it is the first entirely unaffected by COVID.

- Year 2023 Accounts show:
 - Subs: £9060 (up slightly)

- Lights: £20500 (up significantly)
 - Total income: £35000
 - Surplus: £4000 (however £3800 unspent Yorkshire League team sponsorship carried over into 2024)
- 2024: year-to-date projections:
 - Subs: £8500
 - Lights: £21000
 - Bank account: £13540
 - Reserve: £20361
 - Projection of approx. £2000 loss in financial year 2024

5) Chairman's Report

Another tough year following COVID, but a slight recovery in terms of the amount of court usage. Noting that there may be a shortfall in the 2024 finances (as projected by the Treasurer) it is important to encourage the membership to increase the use of the facilities as there are large portions of the week when the courts are empty. The club membership is an older demographic with few female members and work is ongoing to encourage new members, especially females.

- Racketball coaching - The club coach Andy Cockerill has been approached with a view to offering an "Introduction to Racketball" course. (£50 for 6 lessons up to 10 people, a free Racquet and if not already a member 50% off joining fee). It is suggested that this could start in September (Ian White and Martin Shaw to coordinate), with days to be confirmed - however Tuesday and Saturday mornings have been provisionally agreed. It is possible that a further coach may be required to support Andy in this venture.

6) Website and Online

Website

- No issues with the Website

Payne booking system

- Issue regarding "invited player" not being reimbursed if court cancelled being investigated. ND to chase.

- Proposal for the ability to rebook a court within a given day without penalty (currently you have to cancel, potentially incurring cost, before booking new court). ND to request.
- Request that emailed court booking confirmations also act as Diary invitation. ND to request.

7) Playing matters:

Handicap Leagues

- Thanks to Brian Matson for continuing to run the handicap leagues. Going well, although numbers down for "Summer League 24" - only 6 teams, but more subs than players...

Mini-Leagues

- Thanks to Mike Clemson for continuing to run the mini-leagues.

Yorkshire League Squash

- 2 Teams in Yorkshire League 23/24 season
 - Ferriby Hall 1 team finished 7th in Premier division.
 - Ferriby Hall 2 team finished 5th in South & East division.
- Thanks to the team captains for coordinating the teams.

Racket ball

- Thanks to Mike Archibald for continuing to run the Racketball leagues.

Juniors

- Thanks to Andy Cockerill and Fiona Moverley for continuing to coach the juniors to a good standard.

Humber League (formerly Hull & District)

- 4 Teams in Humber League
 - Ferriby A finished 3rd in Division 1
 - Ferriby B finished 13th in Division 2 (injury hit team)
 - Ferriby C finished 12th in Division 2 (injury hit team)
 - Ferriby D finished 10th in Division 3
- Thanks to the team captains for coordinating the teams.

Tournaments

- Thanks to Colin Brooks and Richard McAlpin for running the tournaments over the last year.
 - Squash Knockout championship underway.
 - Racketball championship proposed.
 - Squash handicap championship to run later in the year.

Club Coach

- Andy Cockerill remains the Club Coach, thanks to him for his input and continued support through the last year.

8) Maintenance - Supervisors Report

- New LED lights have been fitted outside (one has been moved around the corner to light the path to the carpark).
- No carpark flood lights at the moment as there has been water ingress which kept "shorting" the lights out. MA investigating a lower level (more accessible) position for a light.
- The Alarm has been playing up this year, but SCAMP have installed a new box which appears to have stopped the "ghost" callouts.
- MA to investigate new plumbers to service the Boiler and the Ambirad court heaters.
- MA & SV to investigate a new landscape gardener to carry out maintenance around the club (weeding and hedge trimming etc.)
- Court 3 clock has been fixed.
- The Magnetic lock on the front door has been replaced.

9) Fees for the forthcoming year

- Lights fees remain at £3.50 / £2.75 each
- Membership fees:
 - Adult - £120 (with £15 light credit)
 - Seniors - £105 (with £15 light credit)
 - Off-Peak - £105 (with £15 light credit)
 - Students and Juniors remain unchanged
- Monetarily this is cost neutral for the club but the "Increase" in membership fees is intended to promote court usage, while not penalising the members that use the courts the most.
- Additionally a "refer a friend" scheme to be introduced with £25 added to both accounts when the new member joins

10) Yorkshire League Sponsorship

- The Yorkshire league teams will require greater sponsorship to remain competitive in the leagues, circa £7000. MS to investigate commercial sponsorship.
 - It is noted that there has been a lack of promotion of the Yorkshire league teams, fixtures, etc. around the club or on social media. The Yorkshire league teams are requested to promote themselves more so that they can receive better support on matchdays. Going forward it is suggested that a light-hearted match report would go down well with the membership.

11) Committee

- Thanks were proposed for the committees continued hard work.
- Committee members agreed to continue.
- The secretary reiterated his intention to stand down, but agreed to continue until a replacement could be found.

12) Any other business

- A grant of £150 to promote ladies racket sports has been given to the club, Jackie Smith to coordinate some "taster sessions" and promote Ferriby Hall to ladies.
- It has been suggested that a rebrand of the "Saturday club" could reinvigorate the court usage - members to be canvassed about the best times for such a social occasion.
- A monthly email detailing Club news and up-coming events, with Humber squash and Yorkshire League teams to contribute light-hearted match reports will commence.
- New Club WhatsApp group or community to be setup for club news to be sent to members - it was noted that not all members read emails.