

FERRIBY HALL SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 31 JULY 2025 AT THE DUKE OF CUMBERLAND, NORTH HERRIBY

PRESENT: Martin Shaw (Chairman), Steve Verity (Treasurer), Mike Archibald (Club Supervisor), Katherine Everington-Hunt, Duncan Ross, Simon Tomlinson, Chris Bowlas, Mike Clemson, Richard Brown, Simon Hudson, Mike Jones, Jackie Smith, Mark Vahey, Paul Booth, Mike Reid and Glyn Saunders.

APOLOGIES: Received from Nigel Downes (Secretary) and Ian and Mel White.

MINUTES of the 2024 AGM had been circulated to members prior to this AGM

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE Nigel Downes resigned as Secretary, and was thanked for his many years' service as Secretary, Martin Shaw was standing again as Chairman and Steve Verity as Treasurer. Mike Clemson was nominated as Secretary. Duncan Ross, currently a co-opted member of the Committee, was nominated as a full member. The meeting APPROVED these nominations. All the other members of the Committee had agreed to continue.

The Chairman proposed that he would seek to identify a Deputy Chairman to both cover for him during sick leave and to potentially take over as Chair after next year's AGM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Nigel had reported that membership numbers were roughly the same as last year. This has been verified as 125 adult members, 44 junior members, 1 off-peak member and 13 student members.

TREASURER'S REPORT Steve Verity reported on the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30 September 2024, which were APPROVED by the meeting. Steve was thanked for his work as Treasurer. Thanks were also recorded to Paul Watson for his informal auditing of the accounts.

WEBSITE AND ONLINE Mike Archibald reported on current discussions with Payne about the online booking system. Mike was thanked for maintaining the website as the primary source of information about the club and its activities.

PLAYING MATTERS

- (a) The Summer Handicap League was progressing well, and Brian Matson was thanked for his work in administering the Summer and Winter Handicap Leagues
- (b) Mike Clemson reported that the current round of mini-leagues had just come to an end, and a new round would be launched early in September. Mike was thanked for his work maintaining the squash mini-leagues
- (c) Mike Reid reported that the Yorkshire League team had had a successful season, finishing fifth in the Premier Division. He expressed thanks to the sponsors who had made this possible. The 2nd team had also done well, finishing in mid table in Division 2.
- (d) The Racketball league was progressing well, and thanks were expressed to Mike Archibald and others who were helping to promote racketball in the club.
- (e) Junior coaching and promotion. There was considerable discussion about the promotion of juniors in the club, and AGREED that a meeting of coaches and others interested should be held to develop a Junior promotion strategy.

- (f) Hull and District League. Simon Tomlinson reported that the club had only entered one team in the League in the past season, and there was very little interest from club members, especially as the League had decided to revert to four a side. Paul Booth said that a number of clubs were showing interest in playing friendly matches as an alternative.
- (g) Club Championships. Colin Brooks was thanked for organising the Championships, which had concluded with an excellent final between Ed Bidder and Yusuf Forster, won narrowly by Yusuf.
- (h) Club Coaching. It was noted (see above) that Andy Cockerill is doing most of the coaching, with a number of promising juniors and some of the adult members. Tony Broomfield and Fiona also provide some junior coaching. It was noted that all coaching courts are provided by the club free of charge.

MAINTENANCE REPORT Mike Archibald reported on maintenance work which was ongoing. Replacement of the leaking Velux window in the Men's changing room was APPROVED. The courts had just been cleaned, with members expressing compliments about the quality of the work. Thanks were given to Steve Birss for organising this work and Mike for regularly mopping up the dust.

FEES FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR It was AGREED that the fee for adult members should be increased by £10 and court fees should be increased from £7 to £7.50 for peak times, and from £6 to £6.50 for off peak. Junior fees would remain unchanged. It was AGREED that consideration should be given to the use of 'super off peak' light fees to encourage use at the weekend.

RENEWABLE ENERGY Duncan Ross presented a paper detailing a proposal for the squash club to become completely self sufficient in overall energy requirements with significant savings against current utility costs. It was noted that, to qualify for relevant grants, the club would need to change from its current status as a Company Limited by Shares, to one based around being a non-profit entity. It was AGREED To allocate up to £1,000 to effect the change. It was further AGREED that the Secretary should convene an Extraordinary General Meeting in the autumn to receive and approve any governance changes.

OTHER BUSINESS There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting with thanks to all those attending.