

FERRIBY HALL SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
AT THE DUKE OF CUMBERLAND – NORTH FERRIBY

7.30 pm Thursday 28th January 2016

PRESENT

Richard Brown (Chairman)	Mike Archibald
Steve Birss (Secretary)	Vanessa Brown
Steve Verity (Treasurer)	Bob Gibson
Nigel Downes	Mike Clemson
Mark Vahey	Mel Hatfield
Ian White	Matt Lambert
Jackie Smith	Simon Hudson
Julian Chalk	Grahame Aylott

APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were given and accepted from:

Bryan Burton	Michael Payne
Clive Tomlinson	Chris Bowlas
Bob Carroll	Mike Slade
Leigh Burgoyne	Andy Leonard
Chris Wood	Martin Shaw

MINUTES OF 2015 AGM

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were approved as a correct record by those members present.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Reviewing 2015:- Finances are in a healthy position as audited figures show.

Membership and income continues more or less with our previous year and we are attracting a steady stream of new members.

With approval at the last AGM we undertook phase one of our 3 year capital investment programme.

Works that have been undertaken and now completed are the full refurbishment of all three courts and the total expenditure is just over £35,000.00, this did not include underfloor heating.

Thanks to sub-committee for managing this work – especially Steve Birss and Mike Archibald.

The Club will now proceed to phase II of capital programme as agreed at the last AGM.

This will include: –

- Changing room upgrades
- All lighting changed to LED
- External sign improvements.
- External repairs
- Some redecorations
- The investigation into solar panels.

Maintenance and expenditure undertaken during 2015

Works undertaken:

- Partial rebuild of wall to rear of Barn
- Control of weeded area to rear of club
- Minor works to central heating system

The defibrillator has thankfully not been used, and 8 members have recently undertaken a half day refresher training with a remaining 12 to follow.

Thanks to Mike Archibald for continued efforts with the daily maintenance, especially the immaculate condition of our new court walls and floors and the supervision of the club cleaners.

Future maintenance provisions will be needed for :-

- The Barn – subject to proposal.
- Court floors and walls.

Playing activities

Club activities have thankfully continued to be very well supported and organised by members.

Yorkshire League

No Yorkshire league team this year.

Hull & District.

The club has entered three teams in:

Division 1 team are currently 4th of 10.

Division 3 team are currently 7th of 13.

Division 4 team are currently 1st of 10.

Summer and Winter Handicap Teams

As always well supported and managed, thanks to Nigel Downes.

Both summer and winter leagues continue to be well supported, with positive comments from members regarding the competitions. Pleased to be able to report that the competitions are also being supported by our younger members challenging themselves to improve, which is good to see and there is some excellent potential for the future.

Club Squash Handicap tournament

This competition continues to be well supported.

Club Squash Championship tournament

This competition continues to be well supported.

Racketball Tournaments.

Two handicapped tournaments are being run through the year, a singles and a doubles, whilst not as many members play racket ball as squash they are still well supported and the competition is very strong. Thanks to Mike Archibald for managing.

Squash mini Leagues

The mini leagues continue to be well supported with currently 10 leagues. Thanks to Clive Tomlinson for managing.

Racket ball Mini leagues

This league also continues to be well supported. Thanks again to Mike Archibald for managing.

Junior Coaching

Thanks to Andy Cockerill's support and enthusiasm in delivering the junior coaching which continues to be very well supported and flourishing including support from Fiona Moverley. The junior programme continues to run on Monday evenings.

Adult Coaching

Adult coaching continues to be offered for both squash and racketball.

Club on line booking system and web site

Our booking system and web site continues to be envied and admired by other clubs and visiting players. Minor glitches have been addressed by Payne very promptly.

Committee

The chairman offered his thanks to the committee for their support and contribution throughout the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

End of year accounts review

The treasurer reported the club is in a healthy position, and that the take up for court advertising had proved a success.

Light revenue had improved and is predicted to continue, and the club sponsored Fiona Moverley to the amount of £2000.

There is £13000 in the bank.

The year-end figures have been subject of audit by the clubs accountants and approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Secretary's Report

At the time of the AGM the total membership count is 163 compared to 157 at the same time last year. This was made up of 119 Adults, 33 Juniors, 7 Off Peak, 4 Student members.

AMENDMENTS TO CLUB RULES AND CONSTITUTION

Proposals made as -:

- The Committee shall meet at least four times per year.

- The maximum tenure for the Chairman will be 3 years and of 5 years for the Secretary and Treasurer.
There will be a minimum of 1 year between any of these Committee members taking or re-taking of these roles.
This does not preclude a Committee member standing down if so required.
(confirmation of a previously agreed amendment)
- Playing guests are limited to TWO visits a year, with the exception of juniors, who will be allowed to use the Junior Club for up to SIX weeks before enrolling as a Club Member.
- Junior members under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an older person whilst on the club premises.

All four proposals were unanimously approved at the AGM.

MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT FOR 2015

Having received support for the clubs 3 year Capital Investment Programme at the last AGM and having final costs for phase I works and year end accounts, it is proposed that we proceed as outlined below.

Through a sub-committee we will now prepare proposals and obtain quotations for the out of court and external areas for implementation within the clubs financial resources.

PROPOSED SALE OF BARN

The Chairman proposed the sale of the Barn to Stoneferry Estates, which is the holding company for Ferriby Hall. This had the unanimous support of the committee and was discussed at length at the AGM.

It was unanimously agreed by all those attending the AGM to pursue the sale of the Barn to Stoneferry Estates.

Subject to an acceptable contract be agreed in principle an extraordinary AGM will be arranged for members to attend and vote on the sale as required by the Club Constitution.

MEMBERSHIP AND COURT FEES

It was agreed at the last AGM that if necessary court fees could be increased.

Therefore from the 1st February 2016 lights fees would be increased to £2 and £2.50 respectively. There will be no further increases during the clubs current financial year.

The committee reserve the right to increase membership costs by £5, but only if considered necessary from the 1st October 2016 as agreed at the last AGM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2016

The following members stand for re-election:-

Richard Brown (Chairman)

Steve Birss (Secretary)

Steve Verity (Treasurer)

Clive Tomlinson

Nigel Downes

Ian White

Mel Hatfield

Matt Lambert

Bob Carroll

Mike Archibald (Supervisor)

By unanimous vote the AGM elected the above members to form the 2016 Club Committee.

Mike Clemson offered his thanks for the work that the committee has done over the previous year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.