

Committee Meeting Minutes – 10th January 2018

Present: Steve Birss (Chairman)
Nigel Downes (Secretary)
Steve Verity (Treasurer)
Mel White
Richard Brown
Bob Carroll
Julian Chalk
Clive Tomlinson

1) Apologies:

Ian White
Mike Archibald
Matt Lambert

2) Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 23rd August 2017 were approved as an accurate summary of the proceedings.

3) Secretary's Report

Reported that membership renewals had gone well and with good liaison with Treasurer, many more people opting for bank transfer.

Current membership numbers are:	Adults	106
	Off peak	10
	Juniors	39
	Students	4
	Total:	159

Considered a healthy membership considering year on year.

4) Treasurers Report

All looking very good.

5) Website and Online

The new £1 coins required Payne to replace the mechanism in the console, following continued issue a further new mechanism has been fitted.

Thanks to Mike Archibald for overhauling the club website, much more mobile friendly.

6) Playing matters:

Handicap Leagues

Mid-January start to allow for new membership year and Christmas to be out of the way. 11 teams.

Mini-Leagues

Going well with new members taking part straight away, 8 leagues

Racket ball mini-leagues

Going well with good support

Juniors

Continuing growth in the junior numbers has meant application for use of all 3 courts, during off-peak times, to assist in their continuing development. This has been unanimously approved by committee (courts are not being used by members at these times)

Hull and District

3 teams in the leagues (Divs. 1, 2 & 4) going well with away teams commenting on the quality of our club and courts

Tournaments

Club Squash knockout tournament to start mid-march

Club Coach

Andy Cockerill is still the current club coach, with the addition of Kenny Martin. No issues reported, request for additional courts - see "Juniors"

7) Maintenance - Supervisors Report

Mostly ok although it was noted that there have been several security callouts during 2017 where the front door to the club had been left open. New electronic keypad lock to be installed and means of propping / latching the door open to be removed. It's been noted that the club lights have been left on overnight as well.

Gas supply issue to be resolved, believed the newly fitted smart gas meter is not large enough for the club's requirements (3 court heaters and 1 boiler), it is understood that the supply is sufficiently large but that the meter may be throttling the supply to the club. This would be more of a problem if there were any open flames (e.g. a gas hob) but all gas burners are contained and therefore any risk is minimal.

Courts are coming up to 3 years since their refurb are due for a clean, not that you'd know - thanks to the fantastic job Mike Archibald is doing keeping them in good condition. It's proposed that cleaning be carried out at October half-term 2018 (financial year 2018/2019). Cost @ £600 /court for floor & walls.

8) Capital Investment and Maintenance Programme

Phase 2 of the capital investment plan is now complete

Some additional benches to be acquired for the male and female changing rooms as well as some hooks to be fixed to the partition wall in the female changing area.

Thanks to Richard Brown and Mike Archibald for putting together the schedule for the work and engaging with the contractors

9) Sponsorship & Advertising

Fiona Moverley

Thanks to Fiona and Mel for organising the exhibition match, and for engaging with Olivia Blatchford (US no.2). There has been excellent feedback from all who attended.

Sponsorship of Fiona to continue; with the proviso that some more events, similar to the exhibition, take place at the club.

Court Advertising

Only 9 /12 advertising spots on the court tins have been taken up for the 2017/2018 season, anyone wanting to advertise to contact Bob Carroll. Email to membership (include Courtcare, who refurbished the courts)

10) AGM

Date of AGM to be confirmed after completion of annual club accounts audit

All current committee members committed to a further year

11) Any other business

- Squash club dinner
 - Excellent feedback after 2017 dinner
 - Triton booked for 10th November
- Check whether Defibrillator battery is due for renewal
- Water machine costs approx. £530 / year rent & cleaning contract, but we can buy the machine for £175 - continuing cleaning contract cost to be investigated
- Water checks not being carried out thoroughly - contract includes checks of the cold water tanks above court 1 but there is no evidence this is being carried out. However, other checks of the water quality in the club show no signs of any issues (e.g. legionella, etc.)