

Committee Meeting Minutes – 10th January 2019

Present: Steve Birss (Chairman)
Nigel Downes (Secretary)
Steve Verity (Treasurer)
Mike Archibald
Richard Brown
Colin Brooks
Bob Carroll
Ian White
Simon Tomlinson
Kenny Martin

1) Apologies:

Mel White
Julian Chalk

2) Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 27/09/2018 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.

Current membership numbers are :-	Adults	97
	Off peak	1
	Juniors	44
	Students	7
	Coach	1
	Total	150

Considered a healthy membership considering year on year.

4) **Treasurer's Report:**

Subs received so far are on a par with previous year

Recent spend: £1500 court cleaning

 £6000 Heating and water improvements

Noted that all our current gas bills are estimates and we expect a rebate for overpayment for a number of months. Currently in discussion with the supplier to resolve.

5) **Website and Online:**

Website going well, regularly updated and maintained by Mike Archibald

Court booking system has been updated as follows:

- Courts can now be booked up to 4 weeks in advance (from max 2 wks previously)
- Max courts booked at any one time by an individual has been increased from 20 to 40
- It has been agreed that PayPal will be offered to the members as a means of topping their accounts up and paying annual subs (separate accounts for ease of interrogation by the treasurer)

6) **Playing matters:**

Handicap Leagues

- Going well and well supported (teams of 4 starting at 7:20pm through to 9:20pm) - run by Brian Matson with assistance from Nigel Downes and Simon Tomlinson

Mini-Leagues

- Going well and well supported
- After many years of running the Mini-leagues Clive Tomlinson is stepping down from the role. The club extends many grateful thanks to Clive for his patience and endeavours over the years keeping this heartbeat of the club so popular and well run. Mike Archibald to take over running of the Mini-league with immediate effect.

Racket ball mini-leagues

- Going ok, but could be better supported and people need some encouragement to play

Juniors

- Discrepancy between the number of registered juniors and the numbers believed to be members by the junior coach, secretary and junior coaches to liaise and resolve.
- Very well attended sessions
- Request to add additional session on a Thursday as other sessions are full

Hull and District

- Going well (1 team in Div 1, 1 in Div 3 and 2 in Div 4)
- Great comments on our courts from visiting teams

Tournaments

- Usual tournaments to be run throughout the year

Club Coach

- All ok, no issues

7) Maintenance - Supervisors Report:

- Courts look immaculate since the latest clean
- Thanks to Mike Archibald for keeping in the club in such a good general condition

8) Any other business:

- Improvements in water supply (direct cold water supply rather than cold water tank) mean that the plastic cups can once again be removed from the club. Members are encouraged to use environmentally sound drinking vessels (e.g. multi-use bottles). Cups will still need to be provided for visiting teams in Hull & District.
- It's been noted that members have been seen going on court in the shoes they wore outside. This is not acceptable, even if they are non-marking, dirt brought in scratches the floors and causes damage and dirt. An email will be sent to all members reminding them of their responsibility.

- The club wishes to build on the recent successes of the club evening at the Triton and add in a small presentation ceremony for Winter / Summer leagues and Club Tournaments.
- Members of the committee have an open invite to visit Leamington Spa squash club
- Following the addition of the new strong fence down the side of the club it is recognised that there is no safety barrier directly behind the club. A safety fence will be investigated.
- It is recognised that while the membership has remained relatively buoyant (in comparison to other clubs in the area) we must not rest on our laurels. Additional use of social media shall be explored as a means to attract new members to the club. Other means of attracting new members will also be investigated.