

Committee Meeting Minutes - 13th June 2024

Present: Martin Shaw (Chairman)
Nigel Downes (Secretary)
Ian White
Colin Brooks
Mike Archibald

Apologies: Simon Tomlinson
Steve Birss
Mel White
Helena Bidder

➤ Minutes of previous meeting

- Minutes of meeting held on 15th May 2024 accepted as a true record.

➤ Secretary's Report

- The secretary reported no change since previous meeting, or year on year.

➤ Treasurers Report

- The accounts have been signed off and issued, with no change since previous meeting.

➤ Website and Online

- Payne to be asked about the option of moving court bookings for free, especially within the day of the original booking. Instead of having to cancel and rebook which can cost the players almost double the court fee.
- Investigation into cancellation fee reimbursement for an invited player is still ongoing.

➤ Playing matters:

Handicap Leagues

- "Summer" Handicap league to start imminently.

Mini-Leagues

- Mini-leagues are going well

Yorkshire League Squash

- It is recognised that an increase in sponsorship is required for the forthcoming season, if the Premier League team is to remain competitive.

Racket ball

- A Club tournament has been proposed for later this year, similar to the Squash Club Competition.

Juniors

- No issues

Humber League Squash (formerly Hull & District)

- The season has completed.

Tournaments

- The Squash club competition has been published, once complete the Handicap Club competition will commence.

Club Coach

- Some members have complained that some peak time mid-week courts appear to be being booked and not released, but remaining unused, by the club coach.

➤ Maintenance - Supervisors Report

- Due to finances, the time of year and the current state of the courts it has been decided to postpone court cleaning for another year. Thanks to Mike Archibald for keeping the courts in such a good condition.

➤ Membership & Re-affiliation

- Membership of England Squash required for the Yorkshire League participation. Fees discussed at previous meeting - no issues.

➤ AGM discussion

- A further discussion, following the decision at the previous meeting to increase the membership and court fees, has decided that based on the current financial position of the club, comparison to other club fees and the predictions for this year's accounts the membership fees should remain at the current levels. Additionally, it was recognised that an increase in light fees hits the pockets of the regular players the most and that a base level of funding is required from all members to retain the club in its current good state - an increase in the membership fees would be preferred, noting this does not yield as much of an increase in revenue.
- This will be proposed at the AGM, along with the proviso that light fees may be increased by up to 10% if required.
 - Lights fees remain £3.50 / £2.75 each
 - Membership fees:
 - Adult - £105
 - Seniors - £90
 - Off-Peak - £90
 - Students - £35
 - Juniors (Primary school on 1st November) - £5
 - Juniors (Secondary school on 1st November) - £20

➤ Any other business

- The social side of the club was discussed, with a proposed Club trip to other clubs, maybe around a competition like the British Open. Opinion to be canvassed.
- KCom want us to change phone tariff. Options to be investigated.

➤ Date of AGM

- Date of AGM - 11th July