

Committee Meeting Minutes - 18th March 2021

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

Apologies: No Apologies

1) Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 10th January 2019 were approved as an accurate summary of the proceedings.

2) Secretary's Report

Adult membership renewals have gone well with the club attracting new members as well as a significant decrease in juniors due to departure of Kenny Martin's Olcote Academy.

Current membership numbers are:	Adults	75
	Off peak	2
	Juniors	47
	Students	8

3) Treasurers Report

- £13,417, £20,026 cash reserve, Total £33,589 (grants £9431k & £16k, expecting approx. further £3k)
 - Huge thanks to the Steve Birss for tracking down and accessing the grants that have kept the club afloat during this difficult time
- Income difference from lost fees (lights and subs) is equivalent to grants.
- Membership fees and lights are significantly down on previous years due to being closed for COVID (per government requirements)

- Accounting process improved to use accounting package (Zero, for £10 / month) allows projections/reports and more accurate real-time accounting.
 - Thanks to Paul Watson for donating the first year's costs and assisting in uploading the historic data as well as all the accounting advice and assistance he continues to provide the club for free.
 - Thanks to Bob and Steve Verity for helping

- Vote taken on the maximum value it's possible for the chairman to unilaterally sign-off, unanimously agreed to be £500

4) Website and Online

- Little use, so no known issues

5) Playing matters:

Handicap Leagues

- Currently on hold till further notice (COVID rules permitting)

Mini-Leagues

- Currently on hold till further notice (COVID rules permitting)

Racket ball mini-leagues

- Currently on hold till further notice (COVID rules permitting)

Juniors

- Level 3 coach at Dunnington & York Uni (Derek Norris) has been approached and would be willing to come to the club 2 days a week (approx. £12k / year for coach & assistant)
- Pontefract club has also been approached and would be willing for Ferriby to be a feeder club for them, in return they would send us some coaches and occasional "named" Squash players
- South Hunsley & Collegiate keen to re-start their weekly squash sessions at the club
- The idea is for the Club to take control and ownership of the junior coaching, which had been slightly lost with Olcote
- Chairman to work with Ian to bring formalised proposal for committee consideration and future vote
- Thanks to Ian and Mel White for researching the alternatives and making the tentatively approaching the people involved

Hull and District

- Currently on hold till further notice (COVID rules permitting)

Tournaments

- Currently on hold till further notice (COVID rules permitting)

Club Coach

- Kenny Martin resigned from the club December 2020 and took Olcote Academy to Hull & East Riding
- Andy Cockerill remains club coach

6) Maintenance - Supervisors Report

- Leaking toilet's mended
- Low heat mode, to save money
- Changing rooms steam cleaned

7) Capital Investment and Maintenance Programme

- Changing rooms now cubicled (6 off, £4k costs)
- Roof side panel needs replacing - awaiting contractors
- Electrical and gas supplies into the club:
 - It has been identified that the gas supply is insufficient for the energy requirements of appliances in the club, a larger pipe is required to supply the clubs requirements
 - The electrical meter is currently located within Ferriby Hall (within Medici's) and the club can only access when Medici's is open; which is sporadic. It is proposed that the meter is relocated within the club, so that no-one can accidentally cut the club off.
 - Richard Brown to investigate the costs associated with such alterations costs circa £6.5k (estimate from Feb 2020)

8) AGM discussion

- Fees
 - Lights and membership fees to remain as is for the coming year
 - Plan to give something back to the continuing membership for their continued support during this difficult time
- Chairman to put some alternatives to the committee for consideration and future vote

9) Any other business

- Steve Birss to step down as Chairman to, after serving 1 year longer than constitution, in order to hand over the running of the club to the incoming chairman in a good state. The committee offered their thanks for his continued efforts during this difficult time.

10) Date of next meeting

- To be arranged when it know that the club can reopen following the pandemic