

Committee Meeting Minutes – 23rd August 2017

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

1) Apologies:

Matt Lambert

2) Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 3rd March 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.

Current membership numbers are:	Adults	119
	Off peak	8
	Juniors	51
	Students	4
	Total:	182

Considered a healthy membership considering year on year.

4) Treasurers Report

All looking very good. Substantial funds available to be spent on the next phases of club improvement.

5) Website and Online

No issues. The new £1 coins required Payne to replace the mechanism in the console, however this has been causing problems.

6) Playing matters:

Handicap Leagues

- Going well, although many subs being used
- Olcote youngsters have been a good addition to the competition and good feedback from the parents, however due to the age of some of the juniors it was requested that they could play first (19:20)
- Suggested that in future an earlier start might help the juniors integrate into the teams
- Suggested that the Summer league is played outside of the school summer holidays

Mini-Leagues

Going well although dipping participation during the usual "summer lull"

Racket ball mini-leagues

Going well with good support

Juniors

Going well with good support. Kenny Martin has brought approx. 35 juniors to the club.

Hull and District

Training sessions to continue through the summer months - Simon Tomlinson to organise

Tournaments

Julian Chalk vs Alex Vahey in final of current tournament (to be played when Alex is back from University) - deadline 12th September

Club Coach

Andy Cockerill is still the current club coach, with the addition of Kenny Martin.

7) Maintenance - Supervisors Report

Mostly ok although it was noted that there was a security callout on the 10/08/17 where the front door to the club had been left open. A note to the members will be included in the renewal notice.

8) Capital Investment and Maintenance Programme

Phase 2 of the capital investment plan is in 2 parts:

External:

- The fence around the club to be replaced with a more robust metal protective barrier
- New signage on the club
- Removable posts at the top of the carpark to prevent cars accessing the track behind the club (between car park and Swanland Hill)

Internal:

- New flooring to be installed in both changing rooms
- New benching to be installed in both changing rooms
- Remove "extra" female WC and improve access and privacy to the Gents changing rooms
- New Carpet in the hallway
- Revamp Stairs
- Addition of lockers in the additional space created by removal of the female WC
- General redecoration of the non-playing areas of the club, balcony, hallway, lower corridor etc.

Total cost of phase 2 improvements is approx. £22k

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

Provision of additional £8k for further improvements agreed

General court maintenance to be deferred until 2018/2019 season due to the fantastic job Mike Archibald is doing keeping them in good condition.

9) Any other business

- Mel and Ian to stand down from running competitions, Julian Chalk to take over running Club Handicap and Club Championship tournaments
- Squash club dinner
 - Non-members welcome
 - £50 for drinks on table agreed
- Steve V approached Payne about the addition of a card machine attached to the console in the club - this is a non-starter. However, they suggested that they have a mechanism for direct debits to credit members accounts - Steve V to pursue
- Payne have ordered a new Coin mechanism as the new £1 are mostly being rejected
- A new door has been fitted to the gas meter cupboard (concrete block hut outside between the barn and Ferriby Hall), this is to facilitate fitment of a smart meter
- Date has been agreed to fit Smart meter
- Fiona has been requested to assist in setting up something for the members - hopefully an exhibition match against another professional
- The addition of Solar panels to the club to reduce carbon footprint and reduce electricity and/or gas bills has been suggested and agreed to be fully investigated for phase 3 improvement
- A new router has been provided by Julian Chalk, Nigel to install to improve WiFi access throughout the club