

RYDE LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET CLUB
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
Ryde Lawn Tennis Clubhouse, Playstreet Lane, Ryde
ON TUESDAY 24th MARCH 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: 49 Adult members

1. **Apologies for Absence:** received from 26 members
2. **Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2014 AGM** – Proposed by Justin St. John-Biggs, seconded by Malcolm Keith and unanimously approved.
3. **To receive the reports of the Management Committee.**

Chairman's Report:

Pam Sim thanked those present for attending the AGM and also all who have helped run the Club through the year. Without their support and hard work many successful events would not have taken place. Activities started in 2014 include the new chess club which meets twice weekly and is open to all members. Pilates has also been popular this year and due to increased demand a second group has been started. To minimise inconvenience to members during these sessions, the kitchen side door is open and the disabled toilet unlocked.

Special thanks were given to Richard Hutchins and James Cooney for all their hard work updating the website and undertaking the grant application. A recent improvement to the kitchen has been the installation of an extra cooker.

For further information refer to 'Chairman's Report' (*copy on file with this minute*)

Head Coach's Report: (*copy on file with this minute and on the website.*) David informed members that he was delighted with the coaching team development and the progress that has been made in this area. Special mention was made of Carrie Bateman for passing her level 3 and Milo Ash and Karen Bicknell for passing their level 2 coaching qualifications.

Croquet/Maintenance/Social/Tennis Committees' Reports (*all filed with this minute*)

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer submitted a written and verbal report, the accounts and the balance sheet for 2014 (*copies filed with this minute.*) Acceptance of the report was proposed by Richard Harris, seconded by Malcolm Keith and unanimously approved.

The schedule of the proposed subscriptions for 2015-16 (Appendix A) was presented by the Treasurer, the rates increasing by 3% this year. (*Copy filed with this minute*)

5. Proposed Amendments to the Schedule of Subscriptions (appendix A)

5.1) Student Members in full time education up to the age of 23 years old to have their subscriptions reduced from £86 to £49

5.2) The current trial reduced subscription for Members aged 18-30 years will now become a permanent amendment to the subscription schedule

A vote was taken which was unanimously in favour of these amendments.

6. Development Proposal for Clubhouse

Justin St-John Biggs discussed two slightly different applications to extend the Clubhouse which have been submitted to the Planning Department. *Details of these are displayed in the Clubhouse and on the Website*

Justin thanked Jim Petrie, Richard Brooks and Steve Hayns for all their work on drawing up plans, structural advice and building costs. Justin is hopeful that these applications will be successful, as the proposed extension will have no impact on the surrounding neighbourhood. The club will apply to “Inspired Facilities”, a grant programme from the Lottery Fund run by Sport England, for a grant of up to a possible £70,000. This must be submitted by June 2015, and we should know the outcome in September 2015. If the grant is approved then work would probably start early in 2016. If the grant application is rejected then some smaller scale work would be done to put in place minor improvements to the Clubhouse and surroundings. The Treasurer confirmed that any money needed for this would not be taken from the sinking funds. Their levels must be maintained, according to the terms of previous grants received by the Club.

If both applications are approved then members will be canvassed for their opinions on which design should be selected.

A vote was taken which was unanimously in favour of the proposed applications.

7. Election of the Committee for 2015-2016

In accordance with Rules 3 and 4, the following members have agreed to accept nomination for the positions shown:-

President	Mrs. Yvette Symes
Secretary	Mrs. Carrie Bateman
Treasurer	Miss Hilary Spurgeon
Tennis Chairman	Mr. Richard Hutchins
Tennis Secretary	Mrs. Anne Tapley
Croquet Chairman	Mrs. Pam Sim
Croquet Secretary	Mr. Roy Tillcock
Social & Bar Chairman	Mrs Margaret Blamey
Social & Bar Secretary	Ms Gill Lloyd
Maintenance Chairman	Mr. John Sim
Maintenance Secretary	Mr. Stuart Peters
Development Chairman	Mr. Richard Harris
Development Secretary	Mrs. Mollie Deakin
Publicity Officer	Mr James Cooney
Membership Secretary	Mrs Sarah Sheppard

It was agreed unanimously that the nominations as above be accepted.

6. Appointment of Honorary Examiner

Mr. Brian Vallender has agreed to continue to act as Honorary Examiner. Appointment proposed by David Fothergill, seconded by Malcolm Keith and unanimously agreed.

Meeting closed at 20.07.

Minutes Taken by: Carrie Bateman Club Secretary