

RYDE LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET CLUB
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
Ryde Academy Sixth Form, Playstreet Lane, Ryde
On Monday 19th March 2018 at 6.30pm

Present: 49 Adult members

1. Apologies for Absence: received from 27 members

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2017 AGM

Proposed by Andrew Sheppard, seconded by Sarah Sheppard and unanimously approved.

3. To receive the reports of the Management Committee. All reports are on RLTC website

Chairman's Report:- presented by Pam Sim

The most important event over the last year has been the completion and opening of the clubhouse extension. The official opening took place in July with one of our longest serving club members and one of our newest junior members jointly cutting the ribbon. The increased space in the clubhouse and the extra light which now reaches all areas has made a tremendous difference when social events are arranged. To ensure the best use was made of the new clubhouse facilities it was decided to employ a part time club steward who would be a welcoming presence for members and visitors and provide cakes and lunches and cater for other events. Carrie has filled this role admirably.

Other construction work at the club in 2017 included the completion of the Clockhouse and the placement of a new coaches shed behind it, both of which have already proved their worth in providing extra facilities and storage space. We have now installed CCTV and a burglar alarm which is activated overnight. Members are asked to ensure that, during the day, the clubhouse is locked if they are the last person there, even if other activities will be taking place later that day.

You will have seen in the tennis report that the possibility of obtaining grants and loans for covered courts is being investigated and there are also ideas of creating a new east- west tennis court behind 1, 2 and 3. A lot of thought and work has to go into planning any new project as it is vital to ensure that our income will not only cover the cost of installation and any ongoing loan repayments, but also the year on year maintenance costs.

Having mentioned the kitchen earlier I would like to express our gratitude to Vernon & Tom for taking this project on and spending innumerable hours on its installation. I would also like to give special thanks to our Treasurer, Hilary Spurgeon, who was involved in much extra work managing the finances for the clubhouse extension and reclaiming money from Sport England as it became due.

For further information refer to 'Chairman's Report' (*copy filed on the RLTC website*)

Head Coach's Report: (has been combined with the Tennis Committees' Report)

Croquet/Maintenance/Social/Tennis Committees' Reports (*Copy filed on the RLTC website*)

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer submitted a written and verbal report, the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2017 with forward budgets for 2018 (*copies filed on the RLTC website*).

Acceptance of the report: Proposed by Pete Reynolds and seconded by Yvette Symes and unanimously approved.

The schedule of the proposed subscriptions for 2018-19 (Appendix A) was presented by the Treasurer (*Copy filed on the RLTC website*).

Acceptance of the proposed schedule: Proposed by Heather Mills and seconded by Catriona Wyatt and unanimously approved.

5. To consider the proposed changes to the club rules as set out in the Notice of the AGM

The amended rules included rules 2.1; 2.2, 4.3, 10, 13, 17.2, 29 and 30.b.

These changes were reviewed at the AGM.

Acceptance of these was proposed by Gill Lloyd and seconded by Margaret Blamey and unanimously approved. (*Copy filed on the RLTC website*).

6. Election of the Committee for 2017-2018

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

President Yvette	Symes
Secretary	Lynn Sandy
Treasurer	Hilary Spurgeon
Tennis Chairman	Richard Hutchins
Tennis Secretary	James Smith
Croquet Chairman Pam	Sim
Croquet Secretary	Roy Tillcock
Social & Bar Chairman	Carrie Bateman
Social & Bar Secretary	Lesley Ball
Grounds and Equipment Maintenance Chairman John	Sim
Grounds and Equipment Maintenance Secretary Stuart	Peters
Clubhouse & Buildings Maintenance Chairman Vernon	Gibbs
Clubhouse & Buildings Maintenance Secretary	Tom Carter
Publicity Officer Vacant	

Membership Secretary Sarah

Sheppard

Publicity Officer

James Cooney has been nominated for the position of Publicity Officer.

Proposed by Richard Hutchings and seconded by Lynn Sandy and unanimously agreed.

It was agreed unanimously that all other nominations as above be accepted. **Proposed by Catriona Wyatt and seconded by Derek Warman.**

7. Appointment of Honorary Examiner

Mr. Alex Tapley has agreed to continue with this role. **Appointment proposed by Pam Sim and seconded by Gill Lloyd and unanimously agreed.**

Questions Asked

Steven Brooks asked why the upkeep of the grounds has increased by 25% in 2 years? He also asked if this is why the membership cost has increased.

Hilary responded by saying this is not the case as the figures that you have are looking at are not like for like. The first figure has items separated out and the new figure is a total amount. Hilary provided further details at the end of the meeting. With regard to the increase in the membership price it was explained that this is due to the new clubhouse and facilities provided to the members and not related.

Heather Mill asked that a receipt book for green fees for visitors is kept behind the bar. This will ensure that we can give visitors receipts and keep note of how many times they have played.

Derek Warman asked if a list of all matches could go on a notice board.

Richard Hutchings has agreed to update the notice board and provide Derek with a hard copy.

Margaret Blamey asked if the revised membership cost was enough?

Pam Sim explained that it has been agreed by the MCM and that with the increased revenue generated through social events it should be sufficient.

Meeting closed at 17.15 hrs . Minutes Taken by: Lynn Sandy - Club Secretary.