

RYDE LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET CLUB
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
RLTCC, Playstreet Lane, Ryde
On Thursday 21th March 2019 at 6.30pm

Present: 59 Adult members

1. Apologies for Absence: received from 25 members

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM

Proposed by Vernon Gibbs, seconded by Geoff George and unanimously approved.

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

Chairman's Report:- presented by Pam Sim a summary of this is as follows and a full copy can be found on the RLTCC website.

Following on from the successful completion of the Clubhouse in 2017, much work and thought was put in last spring on upgrading the kitchen to bring it in line with our excellent new facilities.

Vernon and Tom worked tirelessly on this project bringing in other volunteer helpers where possible and liaising with professionals as necessary. I think no one would doubt that all this effort gave a tremendous result and we now have a kitchen which should be fit for purpose for many years to come. Our thanks are due to all those who took part in the planning and execution of this project.

The provision of a part time clubhouse steward in 2017 was very successful. Carrie took on this position once again in 2018 and was able to produce very high-quality food and especially delicious cakes. A number of corporate events and tournaments were admirably catered for.

Carrie now would like to devote more of her time to tennis and particularly coaching, so has stepped down from the Steward's position. We thank her for the amount of time and effort she put in last year, much of which was way over the hours she was actually paid for. We are pleased to welcome Ali Cantelo, who will be taking over this role as from April 1st until the end of September.

Changes to Data protection involved a lot of time and effort for Sarah, our membership secretary, and Roy Tillcock our croquet secretary.

Richard Hutchins spent weeks writing, amending and updating the many policies now required by a club such as ours, to ensure that all aspects of management and safeguarding are followed correctly.

Social aspects of the club continue to thrive with chess, bridge and Pilates groups meeting regularly, as well as the hosting of larger events.

Our grounds and garden team continue to do an amazing job in keeping the whole area looking immaculate.

You will have seen from the tennis report the possibility of some sort of covered tennis facility is being investigated. The members will be asked for their opinions before any final decisions are made and, if it is decided to pursue one of the options, significant fund raising will be required to ensure that money is in place before any project is started.

I shall be stepping down from the Chairman's position after this month and if the suggested rule changes are approved at this AGM, what was previously an open-ended position will be time limited, with a planned transition from Vice Chair to Chair, which I feel is more in line with modern date requirements. I have enjoyed these last few years immensely and hope to continue working for the club in other ways.

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 2018 with forward budgets for 2019 (*copies filed on the RLTC website*).

Acceptance of the report: Proposed by Gill Lloyd and seconded by Andrew Sheppard and unanimously approved.

Acceptance of the Accounts: Proposed by Yvette Symes and seconded by Catriona Wyatt and unanimously approved.

Thanks were given to Alex Tapley for examining the books and to members of the management committee for the support provided over the last year.

The schedule of the proposed subscriptions for 2019-20 (Appendix A) was presented by the Treasurer (*Copy filed on the RLTC website*).

Acceptance of the proposed schedule: Proposed by Derek Warman and seconded by Pete Reynolds 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 3.1,3.2,3.3, 4.3

These changes were reviewed at the AGM.

Acceptance of these was proposed by Justin Biggs and seconded by Thelma Howland and unanimously approved. (Copy filed on the RLTC website).

The amended rules included rules 12,22 and 30

These changes were reviewed at the AGM.

Acceptance of these was proposed by David Winkle and seconded by Geoff George and unanimously approved. (Copy filed on the RLTC website).

6. Election of the Committee for 2019-2020

In accordance with Rules 3 and 4, the following members have agreed to accept the nomination for 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	Lesley Ball
Social & Bar Secretary	Catriona Wyatt
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	Sarah Sheppard
Membership Secretary	Sarah Sheppard

Publicity Officer

Sarah Sheppard has been nominated for the position of Publicity Officer.

Social and Bar Chairman

Lesley Ball has been nominated for the position of Social and Bar Chairman

Social and Bar Secretary

Catriona Wyatt has been nominated for the position of Social and Bar Secretary

Proposed by Richard Hutchins 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 Vivien Roberts.**

7. Appointment of Honorary Examiner

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

Questions Asked

Rule 18 A couple of members discussed Rule 18 in further detail as they still thought that dogs should be allowed into the clubhouse. A vote was taken and the majority voted against dogs being allowed into the clubhouse with the exception of assistance dogs.

Vivien Roberts asked if she could pay for the annual subscription by Standing Order. Hilary confirmed that this is possible.

Meeting closed at 19.15 hrs

Minutes Taken by: Lynn Sandy - Club Secretary.