



SURBITON CROQUET CLUB
Minutes of 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
27th MARCH 2022, held at Clubhouse, 11.15am.

1. Andy Dibben welcomed members to the meeting. 25 members attended: list held by Alan Grundy.
2. Apologies received from Susie Strong, Vicky Hilton, Ian Plummer, Sue Pendry, Jonathan Edwards, Kitty Caruthers, Ian Bond, Bruce Moxley, Linda and Julian Sheraton-Davis, Kevin Carter, Gavin and Stella McFarlane, Donald Beck, Robert Lewis, Margaret Packer, Harry Midgely, Phil Eardley, Maureen Asker.
3. Minutes of AGM of 21st March 2021 were presented. Approval proposed by Cliff Hunter, seconded by Adrian Coles and accepted without amendment.
4. Matters arising: Jean Cobbold raised the issue of self improvement sessions as suggest by Bernard Pendry at the last AGM. Andy Dibben reported that pre-roll up training was being introduced prior to roll-up sessions in the new season.
5. Chairman's Report: (Previously circulated). Andy highlighted how many of the activities of the club were done by volunteers from within the club and expressed encouragement of members to volunteer. The introduction of a volunteer list on the website for specific events was highlighted and asked that members familiarised themselves with this. Max Holland requested that descriptions of common activities requiring volunteers (eg: opening up the clubhouse for tournaments) be generated. Carol Collins pointed out that attendees at the AGM were generally those who do actively support the club and the club needs to get the volunteering message across to a wider section of the membership. Andy agreed to raise Max and Carol's points at the next committee meeting. Andy pointed out that the CA was trying to get more younger people involved in the game and made reference to the CA electronic newsletter which club members should be receiving. If members are not receiving this please let Andy know.
6. Accounts: previously circulated. Mike Burrow explained that comparison with previous years accounts was difficult due to effect of COVID which had reduced income from Tournaments and Catering but had partially been offset by COVID relief grants. The club is expecting a review of rates paid to Kingston Council in the region of £1000.00 and there is an anticipated increase in fees for lawn mowing. Harry Midgley had not expressed any issues with last year's accounts and partial approval was given and a formal statement of review with be provided in due course in a future newsletter.

The card payment system introduced last year took about £10,000 in total.

There were no other comments on the accounts

7. Election of Committee Members. All current committee members had agreed to continue and there were no nominations received for new committee members.
Election of Secretary and Treasurer. Alan Grundy was proposed by Cliff Hunter and seconded by Bernard Pendry to continue as Honorary Secretary and was accepted.
Mike Burrow was proposed by Cliff Hunter and seconded by Stephen Parish to continue as Treasurer and was accepted.
8. Election of Honorary Reviewer. Harry Midgley was proposed by Cliff Hunter and seconded by Nick Furse and elected unopposed.
9. Election of President. Ian Bond has agreed to continue as President and was accepted unanimously.
10. Subscriptions for 2022: A draft of new subscription rates had been distributed which effectively proposed a 5% increase in membership fees consistent with inflation
Mike Burrow pointed out that it was likely that the actual 2022 inflation rate would be higher than this.
The expected cost of purchasing new balls prior to the World AC Championships was queried. Andy responded that the current balls which were about 20 years old would cost about £6-7,000 to replace.
Acceptance of proposed subscription rates was proposed by Mary Knapp and seconded by Adrian Coles and accepted unanimously.
Guest fees will remain unchanged.
11. Motions for Consideration: No motions had been notified for discussion.
12. AOB: Carol Collins raised the question of a new bench to be provided in the shade on lawn 5 and the Committee will consider this.
Bernard Pendry expressed a generally felt thanks to the Committee for the general overall improvement in the Club over the last couple of years.
Closing date for internal competition has been reached and Nick Parish will publish details in due course.
Stephen Parish asked about the trophy boards Andy responded that this was being looked at by the Committee.
Andy announced that a defibrillator was being purchased by the Club and will be held in the Clubhouse.
Quiz night has been rescheduled for 2nd April but currently insufficient numbers have signed up and it may be postponed.
Andy reminded members to complete the CA 5 yearly survey which is available on line.
Adrian Coles raised the issue of vandalism which was experienced last summer and Andy explained what action had been taken.

Meeting closed at 12.10 hours.

Alan Grundy
Honorary Secretary

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