



SURBITON CROQUET CLUB

Minutes of 38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

26th MARCH 2023, held at Clubhouse, 11.15am.

1. Andy Dibben welcomed members to the meeting. 34 members attended: list held by Alan Grundy. Apologies received from 25 members: list held by Alan Grundy
2. Minutes of AGM of 27st March 2022 were presented. Approved with no amendments.
3. Matters arising: None
4. 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. Maxine has produced a list and members encouraged to sign up. A busy year ahead is expected including co-hosting the AC World Championships. Lawn 1 has required renovations and is due to be back in use by the end of May. Andy pointed out that roll-ups would utilise the less frequently used lawns 3-7.
5. Accounts: previously circulated. Harry Midgley thanked for his satisfactory review of the accounts. It was noted that the Club made a small loss. The expense of the Kitchen refit was noted. £16,000 had come from catering and thanks were expressed for the work done by Chris Ormond and her catering team. £3,500 had come from hiring out of facilities to film company for which Andy had obtained permission from Kingston Council. Increased heating costs due to inflation were noted. The rent on the lease from Kingston Council has increased but will remain static for the next four years. Biggest expenditure is lawn maintenance which will increase by 20%. It was noted that replacement sets of balls has not taken place due to unavailability of new balls; current sets are more than 20 years old. There were no other comments on the accounts. Acceptance of accounts proposed by Adrian Coles, seconded by Val Hitchens and accepted unanimously.
6. Election of Committee Members. All current committee members had agreed to continue and there were no nominations received for new committee members. With Adrian Coles standing for Secretary, Alan Grundy is moving to be a standard committee member.
7. Election of Secretary and Treasurer. Adrian Coles was proposed by the Committee and accepted unopposed. Mike Burrow was proposed by the Committee and accepted unopposed.
8. Election of Honorary Reviewer. Harry Midgley was proposed by the Committee and accepted unopposed.

9. Election of President. Ian Bond has resigned as President and Andy Dibben expressed the Clubs thanks for Ian's 11 years' service. Andy highlighted the very significant contribution Ian made and continues to make to the Club. A vote of thanks was proposed and passed unanimously. The Committee proposed that George Noble be elected President, and this was accepted unanimously. The post of Vice-president was left vacant.
10. Subscriptions for 2023: A draft of new subscription rates had been distributed which effectively proposed an increase in membership fees consistent in line with inflation. A rebate in respect of lost playing time during the winter has been incorporated for renewals. Proposed rates accepted unanimously. Guest fees will remain unchanged.
11. Motions for Consideration: No motions had been notified for discussion.
12. AOB: Gavin Taylor raised the issue of SE Federation competitions and difficulty in recruiting members to participate which the Committee will consider. Andy reminded the meeting that it was Club policy to provide lunch for visiting teams. Any problems with lawn bookings for inter club competitions should be referred to Andy Dibben. Maxine Holland suggested that those responsible for raising teams be put in touch with each other so that common problems could be addressed. Andy initiated a brief discussion on communications within the Club, member use of the website and the members existing WhatsApp group. Stephen Parish raised the question of having membership list on the club website which the Committee will look into although about 2/3rds of members present was concerned about this with the present log-in system on the website. Stephen also raised the issue of updated Tournament Boards and was assured that this was being dealt with by Julian Sheraton-Davis and Barry Holland.

Meeting closed at 12.05 hours.

Following the AGM an ad hoc meeting of the Club Committee was held at which Andy Dibben was re-elected as Chairman of the Club Management Committee.

Alan Grundy
Honorary Secretary
26th March 2023.