

MINUTES OF THE 128th AGM OF THE
SURBITON RACKET & FITNESS CLUB
HELD AT THE HOTEL ANTOINETTE ON
FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER 2009

Present: Michael Carroll (Club President)
Roy Staniland (Club Director)
Brett Pollard (Health & Fitness Chairman)
John Spalton (Treasurer)

And 35 members (List on file)

Apologies: On file

Mike Carroll welcomed all those attending the meeting and introduced the top table to all present. He apologised for Kevin Regan, Clive Messenger Mike Thomas and Tim Reardon for not being present but they were all away.

1) Minutes of the 127th AGM held on 31st October 2008

The minutes were accepted by all those present.

2) Reports from the Club Captain, Club Director and the elected Chairman for each sub-committee.

Graham Croll asked why the company information wasn't mentioned on the Club's website. Roy Staniland replied that he would get some advice from the Clubs Legal advisors and make amendments as soon as the information was available.

The reports were accepted by all those present.

3) The election of Committees for 2009/10.

The following members were elected to the Tennis Committee:
Edna Naylor, Mike Lill, Simon Burgess, John Batten and Malcolm Arnell.

The following members were elected to the Squash Committee:
Viv Lavis, Doug Chalmers and Kevin Mc Gonnigle.

Mike Carroll thanked all those who had served the Club in the last twelve months and welcomed all those onto the Committees for the next twelve months.

Mike Carroll then wished it to be minuted that all the coaches and staff should be thanked for their hard work over the last twelve months.

4) John Spalton, Club Treasurer, presented the meeting with an overview of the accounts for the 12 months from 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009.

John Spalton presented the accounts to the meeting and then asked for any questions.

Q. Graham Croll asked the Board if they were comfortable with such a high wage bill?

A. John Spalton answered that the Board continued to monitor staffing levels and Members required a certain level of service whether in the bar or with membership and that all expenditure would be monitored on a regular basis.

The accounts were approved by all those present.

5) To approve the proposed Budget for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 and revised rates of subscriptions from April 2009.

John Spalton presented the budget and revised rates of subscriptions. He discussed that following comments from the previous year, it was proposed to put forward a two year budget as a trial. John Spalton also discussed the small % increase in subscriptions which the Board were proposing.

Q. Duncan Richardson asked if the Board were going to replace some of the grass courts with hard courts as there was a lack of tennis courts in the winter when the grass were taken out of play.

A. John Spalton replied that we had currently taken on a large amount of debt and until this money was paid off, the Club could not continue to borrow money and we would have to wait for the debt to be paid off.

Mike Carroll also added that the Club would have to consider the implications for removing grass courts. This could include future tournaments run by the LTA.

There was some general discussion regarding playing surfaces.

Q. Why was the Budget for the TV so high?

A. Roy Staniland reported that we had now gone from Cable to Sky so the increase was from £2,300 to approximately £10,000. This was due to having three sky boxes, one in the gym and two in the clubhouse.

The budget and proposed rates of subscriptions were accepted by all those present.

6) AOB

- 1) A question was raised about increasing the number of floodlit courts. Roy Staniland replied that we have to work closely with our local residents and several were against having floodlights on the courts. We would continue to discuss possibilities and when finance is available, we would look at the options available.
- 2) Roy Staniland reminded those present that a substantial amount of money had been invested into the tennis courts over the last few years and we were looking at costings for work on the squash court areas and internal facilities in the squash court area.
- 3) A question was raised about the reduction in tennis coaching income. Roy Staniland reported that the Sport England grant had finished and this wasn't being renewed.
- 4) Another question regarding coaching – some members were unhappy when they tried to book a court in the afternoon and all the courts were taken by the tennis coaches. Roy Staniland replied that Members could approach Marc or one of the coaches and request a court and they would try to provide one.
- 5) A request for the use of more courts at the Methodist site. Roy Staniland replied that it was a private club and although we gave them one floodlit court during the winter, we received two courts on a Saturday morning – this was used a great deal by Members and relieved the pressure on the courts on the Surbiton site.
- 6) A weekly planner was requested by some members so that they could view the bookings on the tennis courts.
- 7) A simplified booking rule poster was also requested for tennis bookings.

Mike Carroll formally closed the AGM for Surbiton Racket & Fitness Club at 8.55pm.

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Mike Carroll opened the AGM for the LTD Company.

1) Appointment of Directors:

The following Directors were appointed:

Club President	Michael Carroll
Club Captain	Kevin Regan
Squash Chairperson	Mike Thomas
Tennis Chairperson	Clive Messenger
Health & Fitness Chairperson	Brett Pollard
Treasurer	John Spalton

2) AOB:

None

The President, Mike Carroll, thanked all those for attending both meetings and wished them a safe journey home.

The meeting closed at 9pm.