

Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting of Harpenden RFC Squash Club

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Held at Harpenden RFC Squash Club, Redbourn Lane, Harpenden on June 10th 2009. The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.05pm

Present

Norman Smith (Chairman)	Ken Tune	Steve Cole
Ian Stowe	Howard Gregory	Jeff Hobden

Apologies

Brian Gunson	Neil Melville
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1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2008 meeting were approved. There were no matters arising (*Item 2*)

3. Chairman's Report

Even by our own standards the turn-out at this year's AGM was a little disappointing, with no-one apart from the committee present until Jeff Hobden arrived. We are inclined to conclude that nothing is going badly wrong, since our membership is very strong and our finances are sufficiently sound that we can afford to make significant improvements to our facilities without exorbitant fees, but we do sometimes wish that we received a more positive affirmation.

The Juniors' Section in particular continues to go from strength to strength under Stephen Lloyd's guidance, with now some 70+ junior members with County rankings and Saturday evenings remaining very popular.

At something of the other end of the spectrum, congratulations to Eamon Price and Tony Clifford who represented England in the recent Home Internationals at Over-45 and Over-65 respectively.

It will come as no surprise that in the current economic climate all has gone from 'pretty quiet' to 'absolutely silent' on the issue of the Rugby Club redevelopment. We know that the Rugby Club would like to do a redevelopment at some point so the matter will never go away completely, but who knows what scheme might eventually emerge or when.

Court One has now been re-plastered and Court Two has received its first clean; both floors have been sanded. Court Three has been repainted. Disappointingly we have started to attract some graffiti on the court walls – the penalties will be severe when we catch up with the culprits.

The Chairman also mentioned the forthcoming Golf Day on Sept 22nd for which application forms are on the notice board.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented a separate written report, together with the Accounts for 2008/9. These documents are have been published separately on the noticeboard.

It should be borne in mind in particular that the expenditure for 2008/9 includes the re-plastering of Court Two.

The Treasurer thanked Graham Warner, our Independent Examiner, for his work. Graham's reappointment was proposed by IS, seconded by KT and approved unanimously.

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5. *Fees & Subscriptions*

A proposal had previously been posted by the Management Committee for comment, recommending a modest increase in membership subscriptions in order to allow us to continue to improve our playing facilities. Subscriptions had been cut sharply a couple of years ago when it seemed likely that the Rugby Club redevelopment would proceed, but it now seems likely that we will be able to continue to enjoy our present facilities for some time to come. The proposed increase in fees would still leave them below the level of 2006/7 and very low by any comparison. No formal responses had been received to the proposal and the informal comments have been strongly supportive. The proposal was carried unanimously.

6. *Captain's Report*

The Club Captain was not available for the AGM. However, we know that the First Team stayed in Division One and all 3 teams had a good season.

7. *Election of Officers*

There have been no resignations or nominations.

Chairman	Norman Smith
Treasurer	Steve Cole
Juniors Organiser	Vacancy (covered by Stephen Lloyd, supported by Steve Cole)
Leagues Organiser	Troy Stewart
Membership Secretary	Richard Ciechan
Marketing	Howard Gregory
House	Ken Tune
Club Captain	Neil Melvill
Secretary	Ian Stowe
Club Coach	Stephen Lloyd
Ladies' Representative	Viv Palmer
Independent Examiner	Graham Warner

8. *Any Other Business*

- Open Evenings: We have tried to keep these going through the summer at the request of members but the level of support does not justify the burden of organisation that always ends up on the shoulders of the same few individuals

There was no further business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.51pm.