Cambridge Racquets Club (CRC)

Minutes of the 2026 Annual General Meeting

Held at CRC at 6.00pm 16th November 2026

Meeting Commenced time 6.10pm Closing time 7.23pm

Chairman: President, Dave Kilbride

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed members and thanked them for attending.

Apologies were recorded as Daniel Smith, Ben Ferreira, Diane Moss, Glen Reid, Tony Dikmans, Chris Metcalfe, Robyn Kelly.

2. **Present**

Rachel Conway, Dave Kilbride, Luke Furborough, Glen Bruce, Sylvia Shipley, Suzie Halliday, Murray Browne, Peter Bryant, Carli Van Zyl, Wayne Peterson, Katie Storey, Rosie Smith, David Milson, Carl Jones, Geoff Hurst, Gary Redgate, Andrea Groves, Graeme Martin, Richie Hill, Andrew Mc Fetridge, Seb Lemercier, Paul Carpenter, Sheryl Carpenter, Leah Harris, Mike Honnis, Tracy Bowell, Jacob Bray, Carmel Stock, Karen Grootscholten, Zara Parker, Mark Nielson, Nathan Twaddle, Owen Gullery, James Moss (online)

Guests Carl Jones Whanau – Sarah Jones, Mahina Jones, Hana Jones. Kylee, Buchanan, Marilynn Jones, Francine Jones.

3. Previous minutes and Matters arising

The minutes of the 2025 AGM had been circulated. No matters arising were recorded in response to the Chair's invitation.

Motion; Moved that the minutes from 2025 AGM to be accepted as true and correct record.

Moved: Murray Browne **Seconded:** Graeme Martin

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4. Presidents Report

Presented by David Kilbride

The President reported a positive year, with full programmes in tennis and squash, high court usage and a healthy financial position despite pressure on household budgets. Membership at 31 July was reported as 433, compared with 448 the previous year, a decrease of approximately 3%.

Senior tennis membership increased from 165 to 181; junior tennis was 66 compared with 76; senior squash declined from 119 to 101; and dual code membership declined from 56 to 41. Junior squash was reported as increasing from 32 to 44.

Come and try sessions, business house competitions and open events continued to attract members, with some events reaching capacity. Annabel Chapman was recognised as Female Player of the Year at the Waikato Thames Valley awards the club was named Club of the Year.

Priorities were to retain and rebuild senior membership, share event workloads, progress the facilities project and encourage more volunteering. Thanks were extended to the committees, volunteers, staff and club manager Suzie Halliday with particular acknowledgement of Peter Bryant and Carli Van Zyl for the renovation work.

Motion: That the President's report be accepted.

Moved: Rachel Conway **Seconded Carli** Van Zyl

5.Tennis Report

Presented by Graeme Martin

The Tennis Chair's report described a successful season, with programmes throughout the week, Sunday club days and coaching through Kiwi Tennis. The open day attracted good interest despite poor weather. The Masters tournament was successfully completed over two days, although entries were below expectations and weather presented challenges.

Club championship finals attracted an enthusiastic crowd and strong junior performances. Volunteers, the tennis committee, management and facilities committees were thanked. Andrew McFetridge and Carmel Stock were acknowledged for their service as they stepped down from the tennis committee.

Motion: That the Tennis Chair's report be accepted.

Moved: Richie Hill **Seconded:** Andrea Groves.

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6.Squash Report

Presented by Rachel Conway

The Squash Chair reported a busy and successful year. Events included the Open, Women's One Day and junior tournament, Hit Out for the Ham, Summer Sizzler, Waikato Masters and the men's E and F grade regional Super Champs. Club nights, the Calcutta Social Squash League and a joint tennis and squash one point challenge were well supported. The club contested the Malcolm Vale Shield and Toilet Seat Challenge at Leamington twice without winning either visit.

The pre season fitness programme was well attended. Eighteen squash players took part in a recent social tennis competition. Volunteers and committees were thanked, with Carli and Shelly acknowledged as stepping down from the squash committee.

Reported individual achievements included Suzie Halliday as Squash Waikato Personality of the Year; Ezra Tocker as club champion and recipient of a competitive player award; Milan Yadav as most improved junior; Addy Rouse as North, South and national under 13 title winner; and Emma Millar as Coach of the Year.

The men's F grade team won the National Super Champs in Kerikeri, reported as the club's first such title since 1983. Women's B and F grade teams qualified for the national competition. Interclub teams won three pennants.

Grant funding enabled junior coaching with Emma Millar, supported by volunteers. Junior sessions increased from one to two nights a week; club championship junior entries doubled; and junior squash membership increased from 32 to 44. The Chair indicated willingness to continue for another year.

Motion: That the Squash Chair's report be accepted.

Moved: Murray Browne. **Seconded:** Geoff hurst

7.Facilities Report

Presented by Peter Bryant

Completed improvements included a gate between the public and club tennis courts, a tennis windbreak, an oven and induction cooktop, and a mower shed. Car park drainage was being discussed with the council, and funding was being sought for LED tennis court lighting.

The renovation proposal addressed an aging clubhouse, roof and interior, deferred maintenance, and the need for spaces suited to coaching, tournaments, social use and visiting groups. Letters of support had

been obtained from council, the community board, local organisations and schools, and both national sporting codes.

Project deposits were reported as increasing from $132,000 at the previous AGM to approximately $220,000 in October. This included approximately $45,000 received in pledges from 114 members, with a matching donation commitment

APL had offered up to $100,000 in glazing products. Discounted labour and materials were being explored with other suppliers. Sponsorship packages had been developed; Web Address had signed up, Cogswell sponsorship was being progressed, and an agreement in principle had been reached with Livingstone for platinum sponsorship. Jacob Bray had volunteered project management assistance and was standing for the facilities committee.

A Lottery grant application had been lodged with the Department of Internal Affairs, seeking roughly 30% of project costs. A response was expected in late December; a full grant, partial grant or further application remained possible. Further funding options were being discussed with Grassroots.

The indicative construction cost was approximately $2 million, within an overall project cost of approximately $2.4 million covering detailed design, consents, project management and a small contingency. The Management Committee had accepted an interest free underwriting loan facility. No funds had been drawn; each draw required separate approval. Additional grants, sponsorship and donations would reduce borrowing.

Funding was to be reviewed in early 2027 to consider a full renovation or targeted improvements. The provisional programme contemplated detailed design followed by construction as early as late 2027 and reopening in mid 2028. Dates remained tentative.

Questions and responses

Decision process: Tracey Bowell asked whether the go or no go decision would be put to a special general meeting. It was confirmed that the complete package would be presented to members at a special general meeting. Funding information was expected to become clearer following the Lottery response and further applications in early 2027.

Court access: Tracey Bowell asked about effects on the 2027–28 tennis season. The response anticipated tennis courts remaining open and hoped squash courts would be unaffected. Construction protection and temporary arrangements required discussion with the builder; minimal disruption was an expectation, not a confirmed arrangement.

Members were invited to provide feedback, pledges, sponsorship suggestions or business contacts to Suzie or Peter.

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Motion: That the Facilities report be accepted.

Moved: Nathan Twaddle **Seconded:** Andrew McFetridge

8.Financial Report

Presented by Treasurer, Geoff Hurst.

Presented the circulated accounts and described a strong financial position. Approximately $47,000 in pledge receipts was held in savings or term deposits pending decisions on the building project. These receipts increased the reported surplus; an operating surplus of approximately $31,000, compared with approximately $36,000 previously, was reported after excluding capital related receipts

Pub Charity grants of $8,841 supported junior squash coaching and a tennis ball machine. Tennis surplus was reported as $51,595 compared with $43,716 previously. The squash surplus this year was $30,956, previous year's figure was reported as $36,269. Large squash tournament (MC/CS) had benefited the previous year's results.

Bar takings were reported as $68,725, lower than the previous year, because of (MC/CS) with gross margin increasing from 58% to 60%. Premises hire was approximately $10,000. Power costs increased to approximately $13,800 from approximately $11,000. Overall expenses were reported as lower. Interest income higher this year at $3,839. We are spending similar amounts on our management of the club in terms of our manager and our cleaner and contractor related payments to provide that support in the background.

Year end balances were reported as $24,456 in the operating account and $221,965 in savings earmarked at that stage for club upgrades. The cash flow statement showed a cash surplus of $82,497, reflecting pledge receipts. (-$47,140 Pledges, -$3,900 ball machine grant) total $31,471 Surplus. Suzie was thanked for invoicing, payment follow up and financial administration.

If the proposed upgrade did not proceed, members would be consulted about refunding or reallocating funds or changing the project scope. Funds were being held separately while those decisions remained open.

Questions and responses

Building value: It was explained that the accounts showed cost less depreciation, rather than a current market valuation. The council owned the land. An approximate insurance reinstatement value of $5 million was mentioned, would need to check records.

Hire income: Kiwi Tennis court hire and other court hire had been shown separately this year following coding changes. Rowing accommodation income had been affected by groups choosing other premises to meet cooking, toilet and facility requirements. Overall premises hire was described as broadly stable at around $10,000.

Motion: That the Financial Report be accepted.

Moved: Carmel Stock

Seconded: Mike Honiss

9. Election of officers

Tennis

Returning Nominations

Rosie Smith, Andrea Groves, Graeme Martin, Richie hill,

New nomination: Jacob Bray, Jordan Causer

Nomination for Chair: Graeme Martin/Richie Hill share.

Out going: Carmel stock, Andrew Mcfeteridge, Sylvia Shipley

No Objections, accepted unanimously

Squash

Rachel Conway, Shar Wehipeihana, Luke Furborough,

New Nominations: Robyn Kelly, Chris Metcalfe, Zara Parker

Nomination for Chair: Rachel Conway

Out going: Shelly Vincent, Carli Van Zyl

No Objections, accepted unanimously

Facilities

Returning Nominations

David Milson, Carli Van Zyl, Peter Bryant

New Nomination: Jacob Bray

Nomination for Chair: Peter Bryant

Outgoing: Daniel Smith, Britta Jensen

No Objections, accepted unanimously

Management

President: Dave Kilbride

Treasurer: Geoff Hurst

Squash Chair: Rachel Conway

Tennis Chair: Graeme Martin/Richie Hill

Ordinary members: Carmel Stock, Carli Van Zyl

No Objections, accepted unanimously

10. General Business

Renovation alternative

Paul Carpenter thanked those progressing the redevelopment but expressed the view that the proposed renovation benefits did not justify the cost. He stated that he believed many members shared this view; this was his opinion and was not established by a meeting vote.

He suggested maintaining the existing building for continued use while avoiding significant improvements, then reassessing in two years. He advocated investigating a future replacement or alternative facility and learning from other clubs. He referred to experience in the Hutt Valley, including a new multisport facility and a former combined tennis and squash club, as examples of alternatives to renovation. He suggested that future tennis and squash facilities might be on separate sites.

Paul proposed formally investigating options for leaving the current building in the foreseeable future.

The Chair thanked Paul, indicated that further discussion would not take place that evening, and said the committee could consider the matter at its next meeting and follow up with him through Suzie or committee representatives.

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Life Nomination: Carl Jones - Tennis

A nomination for Carl Jones to receive life membership was presented. Carl accepted the nomination and subsequently acknowledged the honor. Moved: Graeme Martin. Seconded: Nathan Twaddle

Richie gave an acknowledgement in Te reo Māori and a brief English explanation, recognising Carl, Marilyn and their whānau, and Carl's contribution to people and the club. The tribute particularly noted his readiness to help and his commitment to working bees.

Graeme paid tribute to Carl's longstanding practical service, much of it carried out without public recognition, and his encouragement and support of fellow members. Carl thanked the club, his friends, family, Marilyn, volunteers and committees. He spoke of the friendships, enjoyment of service and sense of belonging the club had given him.

Carl Replied to Richie, Graeme and thanked his Whanau and members.

Meeting Close

Time meeting closed: 7.23pm

Signed as a true and correct record:

Dave Kilbride

