

Richmond Rhythm Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on 17 March 2026 at 4.15pm at the Twickenham Club

Attendees from Committee: Ian (Chair), Peggy, Rob, Peter, Jim, Lyn

Apologies for Absence: Nick and John

Attendees from Membership: Max, John (Hitchman), Rona, Mary, Nigel (Jackson), Joe

The Minutes for the previous AGM held on 25/03/25 were approved.

Chairman's Report

Ian noted that things continue to go well at the Club, with a healthy balance sheet, good weekly attendance and an interesting range of musicians. However the bi-annual evening gigs would have done better financially with larger audiences. (Peter asked whether we should continue to put on a winter gig - it was proposed that this be discussed further under 'General Business'). Announcing that he was standing down as Chair, Ian thanked the Committee for their work and put forward Peter Jones for election to Chair. Ian gave a special mention to Joe Paggetti for his valuable input behind the scenes.

Treasurer's Report

In Nick's absence, Ian commented on the Balance Sheet and his Financial Report. The Club's income is currently being maintained by good weekly audiences and regular term payers but Nick estimates that we need to keep an estimated balance of £1400 to allow for outgoings, unexpected costs and possible concert losses. He recommends keeping term payers' and drop-in fees and payments to speakers as they are for now but it will be a matter for the Committee to consider a possible increase in the autumn. Commenting on the Balance Sheet, Mary questioned the payment to Arts Richmond and it was agreed that the Committee would discuss what (if anything) we are getting out of this subscription. Max noted an anomaly

on the Profit/(Loss) amount which should read '12 months' and not '16 months', as well as the spelling of Tony Kinsey's name. Both should be rectified by Nick.

Jim pointed out that, whilst it is important to keep a close eye on our finances, we are a club and not a business ... with an emphasis on "fun"!

Event Organiser's Report

Peggy distributed a list of speakers who have already been signed up for the Summer term and most of the Autumn term as well. She thanked everyone who has contributed to finding our musician guests - not just Committee members. Any members of the Club should feel free to contact Peggy with names and contact details of possible (good) speakers.

Election of Officers

Peter is to replace Ian as Chairman (this motion was proposed by Max and seconded by John (H)). The Committee passed a vote of thanks to Ian for his work as Chair.

The rest of the Committee were re-elected 'en bloc'.

Treasurer: Nick

Event Organiser: Peggy

Website: Peter

Membership Communications: Jim

Members of Committee: Rob, Lyn, John (W), Ian

General Business

1. Biannual Evening Gigs

The Summer gig has already been organised inc. booking the Alex Clarke Quartet, and will take place at the Exchange on 19/08/26 (with thanks to Joe for negotiating a reduced room fee). It must now be decided whether we should continue to arrange a Winter gig - and when - in order to attract maximum audience interest.

Max suggested a date in the 'downtime' between Christmas and New Year. John H suggested having a gig on the Tuesday evening of the Cheltenham

Festival in March when we have no afternoon session. The Committee will discuss this at its next meeting.

2. Any Other Business

Mary asked about the fees paid to the end-of-term trios. In Peter's view £130 per band member is reasonable for a Tuesday afternoon.

Re. future gig venues, Peter questioned the apparent success of the monthly Jazz Sanctuary evening at the Turk's Head and whether it is due to the negotiation - or even dismissal - of the room fee. Committee members should investigate whether to re-negotiate the fee we were being offered lately.

Nigel questioned whether, when weekly emails recommence, attendees could be reminded to be seated by 2pm (it was however agreed that there are often valid reasons for lateness).

Date of Next Meeting

The next AGM will take place in March 2027 on a date to be agreed.

As there was no further business, the Meeting was closed.