

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Alford Squash Club  
held at The Half Moon on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 at 8:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Bob Karley (appointed Chairman of the meeting), John Hynes (Treasurer), Graham Hounslow (Secretary), Jim Coulter, Steve Brough, Ben Irving, Chris Sykes, Jim Luck and Geoff Allen (who kept the notes for these Minutes)

**Apologies:** -

The best wishes of the members at the AGM were to be sent to Tim Bristow who is still recovering from the accident he was involved in earlier this year

**1. The Minutes** of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th November 2014 having been circulated, were approved and adopted by the meeting.

Notes of the last meeting of the Committee of the Club held at the Half Moon on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 may not have been circulated ahead of the meeting but were produced and adopted.

There were no matters arising which would not otherwise be covered in the current Agenda.

**2. The Chairman**, Bob Karley reported:

**2.1** The year has again been one of little change for the club, thus enabling Members to continue enjoying the sport, although competitions have been suspended. The Management Committee is now only meeting three times each year, which is an adequate frequency to carry out our business. The QEGS proposal for a sports centre with 2 squash courts remains a possibility on the horizon, with a potentially significant adverse impact on the club.

**2.2** Once again, development of junior players has been limited this year, but we hope Ben and John will get accredited to assist the continuation of the youth coaching programme. There will be fresh consideration of renewed Affiliation to Squash England – according to what John/Ben find out.

**2.3** Maintenance, repairs and replacement requirements continue, where we have or continue to deal with the men's showers, court lighting, court heating and a changing room extractor. A quote for roof repairs is still necessary.

**2.4** Finally, I give my usual thanks to Members who have kept doing all the work in running and maintaining the club and its facilities. In particular, my thanks to the members of the Management Committee, without which commitment the Club would not keep going – all of you continue to do an excellent job.

**3. The Treasurer**, John Hynes produced the Club's Accounts, year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015

- Income from subscriptions was significantly increased although the income from the light meters showed a reduced use of the courts;
- Expenditure on repairs had included £661 on repairs to the courts which, members agreed, had been well spent;
- The further reduction in the cost of the electricity was baffling but well received;
- The costs of running the Club were reassuringly stable.
- The Club's funds available for youth development and coaching were/are £819.50.

It was unanimously resolved to adopt the Accounts with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer and to Jenny Cooper, the Auditor, (who is to have a token of the Club's appreciation).

#### **4. Election of Committee of Management**

**4.1** The Constitution contemplates two Officers, a Treasurer and Secretary; and, there being no other nominations, John and Graham were re-elected Treasurer and Secretary

**4.2** The present Committee of Management were willing to continue in office and it was unanimously resolved to appoint Jim Luck to join them: John Hynes (Treasurer) Graham Hounslow (Secretary) Bob Karley, Jim Coulter, Chris Sykes, Steve Brough, Tim Bristow, Geoff Allen, Ben Irving and Jim Luck

#### **5. Other matters:**

##### **5.1 Youth development**

JH/BI will shortly be attending Level I coaching courses and it was unanimously resolved that the estimated cost (£240+) English Squash Membership be funded by the Club.

**5.2 The Club's Lease** – No change / discussion.

##### **5.3 Maintenance issues:**

- Court heaters - Club's electrician, Simon Maplethorpe to be asked for advice/estimate;
- Extensive considerations of the pros and cons of replacing the roof of the building and the realisation that the cost involved might be beyond the present means and resources of the Club. Nevertheless, it was unanimously agreed that this should be looked into further and estimates be obtained as to the range of possibilities/funding sources involved;
- Richard Dales' estimate of the cost of replacement of the men's showers (GH agreeing to go into this further with him);
- CS agreed to investigate leakage from the water storage tank in the balcony cupboard;
- Advice needed whether the gas meter in the men's changing room should be boxed in.

**5.4 Leagues and competitions** – No change / discussion.

##### **5.5 Miscellaneous:**

- Agreed that a membership list should be maintained in the premises so that Committee members might "police" the use of the courts;
- A possible income stream to provide funds (e.g. for youth development) might include a Community Grant (through ELDC);
- Court bookings sheets to be moved to the ground floor corridor.

##### **5.6 2015/16 Meetings**

The Committee would meet four times in 2016: 1<sup>st</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> September and also on the date of the Club's next AGM, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (all at the Half Moon at 8.00 p.m.)

Supper was taken during the meeting which closed at 9:15 p.m.