

**MINUTES of a meeting of the Committee of Alford Squash Club  
held at The Half Moon Hotel on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 8pm**

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

**Apologies:** Tim Bristow.

**1. Previous meeting**

- 1.1 It was noted that there was no Minutes kept of the Committee meeting that took place in June (this appears to have been an oversight);
- 1.2 As a result, there were no matters arising which would not be covered by the agenda for tonight's meeting.

**2. Treasurer's report**

- 2.1 The Treasurer reported that the last available bank balances (as at the end of August) were £6,987.27 in the main account and £479.63 in the coaching account;
- 2.2 Discretionary Rates Relief has been secured from ELDC until Spring 2017. The Treasurer advised the Committee that the Council required much more documentation this year than in previous years and we should not assume that it will be secured next year;
- 2.3 Our cleaner (Adam Clarke) now collects and disposes of the rubbish from the Club. He charges £10 per month for this service.

**3. Signage/Sponsorship**

- 3.1 Chris Sykes has taken the remaining external advertising space;
- 3.2 GH will get in touch with Thurlby Motors regarding the advertising that they have on the court tin which they have not paid for over many years. Richard Walsh is now back at the helm and this is who GH will try and contact.

**4. Website -** When ready BK will put these Minutes on the website.

**5. Junior Coaching/development**

- 5.1 BI gave a report regarding the recent junior coaching sessions that he held at the club in the summer. Seven juniors took part and although there has been a slight financial loss to the Club it was agreed that "profit" was not a consideration. It is to provide the facility for youngsters to learn and enjoy playing squash. JH advised the Committee that the children really seemed to

enjoy it and this was in no small part due to the well planned and fun sessions BI organised;

**5.2** BI has taken over the Wednesday sessions for the Grammar School from Martin Wells. BI is liaising with their P.E. Teacher, Mark Grayson and he will need some further Parental Consent Forms which JH will provide;

**5.3** BI will find out what level of squash coaching is needed to teach GCSE Squash as some students have indicated that they would be interested in taking this as an elective subject.

**6. Maintenance matters**

**6.1** The shower refurbishment which has been carried out by Derek Barnes and his invoice was settled promptly after it was submitted to the Treasurer;

**6.2** Simon Maplethorpe has carried out the approved electrical works and again his invoice has been settled in full;

**6.3** CS has replaced the upstairs water tank and will fit the replacement part that is needed for the men's showers. The Committee thanked CS for undertaking this work at short notice when the leak became apparent;

**7. Leagues/competitions** - If there is sufficient interest, BI would be happy to organise internal leagues and possibly a knock-out competition. JH will email members to see if they are interested in this when the next door code change occurs.

**8. Other business**

**8.1** The AGM is to be held on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm**. As per previous years, it will be held at The Half Moon and we will ask them to lay on a buffet and drinks;

**8.2** JH asked that a member of the Committee take responsibility for putting up the court booking sheets on a Sunday and taking down the old ones. SB will take this in hand;

**8.3** BK advised JH that he is not included on the group emails that are sent round the Committee and members. JH will check this with Reece Brant.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm and the date of the next meeting will be the AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Any business can also be dealt with at that meeting.

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