

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Alford Squash Club
held at The Half Moon on Tuesday, 6th December 2016 at 8:00 p.m.**

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

Apologies: Jim Coulter, Rupert Houlby, Tim Bristow

1. **The Minutes** of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 1st December 2015 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, 6th September 2016 had also been circulated ahead of the meeting and had also been 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 seen some changes, the major ones being a big leap forward in coaching and club house refurbishment. The main features of the latter were new LED court lights, the men's shower and replacement of a leaking water tank, although minor repairs to the roof and other items have featured again.

- 2.2 Ben and John's coaching training & accreditation have enabled a youth coaching programme to kick off again, with affiliation to Squash England to sustain this – our thanks to both. We hope it will provide the basis of a sustainable future for the club. I also note the initiatives to resurrect the leagues and to encourage senior membership.

- 2.3 Finally, again I give my thanks to Members who have kept doing all the work in running and maintaining the club and its facilities. In particular, thank you to the members of the Management Committee, without whom 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 31st July 2016

- 3.1 Income from subscriptions has slightly increased but, disappointingly, income from use of the courts had fallen.

- 3.2 Significant repairs and renovations had been carried out in the year reflecting expenditure almost equating with the income for the year.

- 3.3 Other Club overheads had remained constant

- 3.4 The coaching fund within the Club's balances are £539.63, regarded as adequate for the time being to meet the shortfall in the cost of providing coaching as against the income produced by it.

- 3.5 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 being willing to continue in office were re-elected on block:: 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

Ben reported on the coaching facilities being offered to 8/13 year olds for one and a half hours on Sundays and to Grammar School students on Wednesday afternoons/evenings. Ben is hoping for increased interest and is looking at ways of advertising the availability of the coaching facilities (perhaps through a 'Facebook' account for the Club).

John Hynes (Child Protection Officer) spoke of the Clubs Policy (adopted from the Squash Associations model) and of his concerns to make sure that the junior coaching sessions are adequately supervised (for further consideration at the next Committee meeting)

5.2 The Club's Lease –

5.3 Maintenance issues:

The Club's reserves include £5,000 allocated to extra ordinary repair and renovation (of the type carried out in the last year)

Under current consideration is the need to replace the gas boiler, floor coverings and further attention to the roof (short of a major re-roofing of the building).

Steve Brough kindly agreed to repair the storage covered doors on the balcony (damaged by vandalism) and also to attend to the edging of the showers left in a poor state by the flooring contractor.

5.4 Leagues and competitions

Club leagues including for the junior section are operating.

5.5 2016/17 Meetings

The Committee would meet four times in 2017: 7th March, 6th June, 5th September and also on the date of the Club's next AGM, 5th December 2016 (all at the Half Moon at 8.00 p.m.) unless notified otherwise.

Supper was taken during the meeting which closed at 9:05 p.m.