

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Alford Squash Club  
held at The Half Moon on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 8:00 p.m.**

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

**Apologies:** -

**1. The Minutes** of the last AGM held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 appear to have been misplaced and if they are located then they can hopefully be adopted at a future meeting.

The Chairman followed the Agenda set out in the Notice of AGM.

**2. The Chairman,** Bob Karley, summarised the events since the last AGM and a copy of his report is annexed to these Minutes.

**3. The Treasurer,** John Hynes produced the Club's Accounts, year ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018. A copy of the Accounts are annexed to these Minutes but JH briefly summarised that although subscriptions were down (due to the free membership scheme that we offered earlier in the year) the takings from lights had gone up significantly which is a cause for optimism that the courts are being regularly used.

The main concern for our expenditure is the electricity and gas which has increased significantly as a result of the new contracts with EON. GH will keep these under close review and will report back to the Committee at future meetings.

It was agreed the Accounts be adopted and a 'thank-you' will be organised for the Auditor, Jenny Cooper. In addition, the Committee are happy for Jenny to continue parking at the Club when she is at work.

**4. Election of the Committee of Management**

John and Graham were re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary respectively and the remainder of the Committee agreed to continue in office – John Hynes (Treasurer), Graham Hounslow (Secretary), Bob Karley, Jim Coulter, Chris Sykes, Steve Brough, Geoff Allen (re-elected in his absence), Ben Irving, Jim Luck and Phil Reed.

**5. Any other business**

A lengthy discussion ensued whereby it was resolved that junior membership would remain at £10 per annum and the adult membership would be reduced from £50 per annum to £30 per annum as from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 (the new membership year). A sub-committee comprising Graham, Ben, Bob and John will look at how this should be promoted ahead of the new membership year commencing.

Ben is looking at a number of initiatives including being the point of contact with Lizzie from Magna Vitae who are keen to organise a over 50s group at the Squash Club to encourage exercise. Ben will liaise with Lizzie going forward who has so far been in email contact with Bob.

Ben is also looking at possible coaching sessions within the local primary schools via Felix Frixou. Huttoft Primary School (where Ben works) are extremely keen and John will have a word with Alford Primary School too. In addition, Ben is looking at the possibility of running a Christmas Squash Competition between Christmas and the New Year. He will email members to gauge interest/availability.

It was agreed that the next Committee meeting would take place on **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at The Half Moon at 8pm**. Subsequent Committee meeting dates will be agreed at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.