

**MINUTES of a meeting of the Committee of Alford Squash Club
held at The Half Moon Hotel on 26th February 2019 at 8pm**

Present: Bob Karley (appointed Chairman of the meeting), John Hynes (Treasurer and keeping these minutes), Graham Hounslow (Secretary), Ben Irving, Steve Brough and Chris Sykes.

Apologies: Phil Reed, Jim Coulter and Jim Luck

1. Previous meeting

It was noted that the previous committee meeting in September was not minuted because of the nature of that meeting (preparing for the Club Night with Felix);

2. Treasurer's report

2.1 The Treasurer reported that the bank balances as at today's date are £4,209.88 in the main account and £218.33 in the coaching account;

2.2 JH advised that we have 26 adult members and 5 junior members. There are the usual life members too. This is actually good for this time of the year and the majority of these members play regularly;

2.3 JH briefly illustrated the light income for the past three months in comparison with the same period twelve months ago. In December 2017 our light income was £181.20, January 2018 it was £382.08 and in February 2018 it was £420. The light income in December 2018 was £441.21, in January this year £654.60 and February will be around the £500 mark. This clearly demonstrates that the courts are being used regularly which is encouraging;

3. Signage/Sponsorship

The Treasurer will need to contact the various businesses which advertise on the sign on the exterior wall of the Club;

4. Website/Social Media

There was nothing to report but BK will add the minutes for this evening's meeting when they are available;

Nick Bennett is no longer retained by the Club for social media purposes. He is too busy and has not been involved in practice for some little time;

5. Junior Coaching/Development

5.1 BI is taking the sessions which have been paid for by Magna Vitae. On the first week three people attended and only one has attended for the past two weeks but this has tied in with school half term. Hopefully the numbers will increase. Magna Vitae are paying £360 for the twelve weeks and each participant pays £3 towards the lights. The sessions run from 5.30pm-7pm on a Thursday and BI circulated further

posters to be put up around the town. JH will invoice Magna Vitae shortly;

6. Maintenance Matters

- 6.1** CS has done a temporary repair to the water cylinder but this will need replacing in due course as will the boiler. JH will write a 'begging' letter to Craig Lewis at Buildbase to see if his company will offer a 'free' replacement water cylinder. In return, we can offer them 'free' advertising on the court tin that is not currently used;
- 6.2** A detailed discussion ensued regarding the five lever mortice deadlock that needs installing as a requirement of our insurance. SB will attend to this;
- 6.3** The light in the men's changing room is not working and SB will replace this;

7. Other Business

- 7.1** BK wondered if we could make an effort to promote racketball and its profile – it may well be attractive to mature players;
- 7.2** JH is to reimburse BI the sum of £105 for the racketball rackets that have recently been purchased;
- 7.3** BI mentioned that Felix will be attending Huttoft Primary School on Thursday, 7th March and he will be at the Club the evening before (from 6pm onwards) for a coaching session for players wishing to attend; and
- 7.4** It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 4th June at 8pm**