

**MINUTES of a meeting of the Committee of Alford Squash Club
held at The Half Moon Hotel on 4th June 2019**

Present: Graham Hounslow (appointed Chairman of the meeting), John Hynes (Treasurer and keeping these minutes), Ben Irving, Steve Brough, Chris Sykes, Jim Coulter, Phil Reed and Jim Luck

Apologies: Bob Karley

1. Previous meeting

The minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 26th February 2019 were approved and adopted;

2. Treasurer's report

2.1 The Treasurer reported that the bank balances as at today's date are £6,145.59 in the main account and £398.33 in the coaching account. This is the healthiest the bank balances have been for some time and, in part, reflects the increased use of the courts and the refund (just under £1,000) that GH secured from Eon;

2.2 JH advised the committee that on average he is emptying in the region of £100 per week from the meters and sometimes higher;

3. Signage/Sponsorship

The Treasurer still needs to contact the various businesses who advertise on the sign on the exterior wall of the Club regarding payment for advertising;

The second tin is not yet being advertised on although Buildbase have indicated that they would like it in exchange for providing the Club with a new water cylinder free of charge. If they do not have it then Ross Hamilton has expressed an interest in advertising on it. We will monitor this over the next few weeks etc;

4. Website/Social Media

Nothing to report;

5. Junior Coaching/Development

5.1 BI confirmed that the coaching session Felix provided at Huttoft Primary School was very successful and hopefully next time he visits it will involve Alford Primary School too. There has not been any junior members joined the Club as a result but it was a good introduction to squash;

5.2 The CHAPS sessions have recently finished and everyone who participated enjoyed it. Our thanks to BI for giving up his time to make this a success;

5.3 BI confirmed that the knock-out tournament was also well received and the handicap system seemed to work well. An enjoyable final was played at the Club over the

Easter weekend between Bob Taylor and Lee Willoughby with Bob being victorious 3-2;

6. Maintenance Matters

- 6.1** SB will chase Craig Lewis regarding the water cylinder. CS has spoken with both Buildbase and Veismann and they will provide a new boiler to the Club (with a flue free of charge) for the sum of £700 plus VAT. This is much cheaper than it would ordinarily be. A new boiler, flue and water cylinder will mean that CS does not need to continue doing the temporary jobs on the system. It was resolved that CS be given authority to purchase the new boiler for the sum of £700 plus VAT;
- 6.2** GH has spoken with Ed Hanson on a couple of occasions about a new roof for the Squash Club. He will endeavour to meet him on site in the near future and JH will have a word with Gary Houghton about the roof too. Any quote at this stage should be addressed to the Squash Club but there may be a contribution from the Town Council as to which see below;
- 6.3** JH mentioned that he felt the courts were getting ready for an upgrade - some of the boards are becoming loose and the walls may need plastering (at least in parts) and a fresh lick of paint. JH will make contact with the contractor who have carried out the work in the past although this would not be scheduled in until later in the year at the earliest;

7. Other Business

- 7.1** GH advised the committee that Alford Town Council is in the process of acquiring a number of the town's facilities from East Lindsey District Council. This includes some of the car parks and the Squash Club site. The Town Council would potentially be willing to contribute towards a new roof for the Club. JH said he hoped that the Town Council would also be prepared to grant the Squash Club a new, long-term 'peppercorn' Lease and GH is confident that they will do;
- 7.2** PR suggested that we hold a Club Night to invite all members of all abilities to participate in play. It was agreed that this was a good idea and the first club night will be held on Tuesday, 2nd July from 7pm onwards. The admission fee will be £3. JH will circulate an email and it can be decided on the evening what kind of format play will take; and
- 7.3** PR suggested having a team match against a local club like Horncastle. We could invite five of their players to play five of our players at our Club and then have a return trip to Horncastle. It was agreed that this was worth pursuing and PR will speak to Gary Crome who he knows and is a member of Horncastle Squash Club;
- 7.4** It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 24th September at 8pm.**

Meeting closed at 9:03pm.