

**MINUTES of a meeting of the Committee of Alford Squash Club
held at The Half Moon Hotel on Tuesday, 24th September 2019**

Present: Graham Hounslow (appointed Chairman of the meeting), John Hynes (Treasurer and keeping these minutes), Ben Irving, Phil Reed, Jim Luck and Jim Coulter (also present Ross Hamilton)

Apologies: Chris Sykes, Bob Karley, Steve Brough and Geoff Allen

1. Ross Hamilton gave a brief summary of the type of online court booking systems we could look to introduce. It was provisionally agreed that we would look at having one court using an online facility and the other would remain a manual system with the upstairs booking sheet. Ross will do some further research and report back to JH/GH in the course of the next couple of weeks with his thoughts/recommendations. The committee thanked Ross for doing this and giving up his time to attend the meeting;

2. Previous meeting

The minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 4th June 2019 were approved and adopted;

3. Treasurer's report

JH advised the committee that our bank balances as at today's date are £3,929.80 in the main account and £398.33 in the coaching account. The main account balance has been reduced from just over £6,000 as we have paid Chris Sykes' invoice for the new boiler, hot water cylinder and labour which totalled £2,822.04. The committee acknowledged that this was very cheap and it should be noted our thanks to Chris and Jedd for all the work they have done;

JH confirmed that he provides the light meter takings to GH who keeps a spreadsheet of our electricity charges. GH advised the committee that our electricity account is presently £79 in debit. GH feels the current direct debit for our electricity of £136 is about right;

4. Signage/Sponsorship

The tin on Court 1 is still available for a party to advertise on;

5. Website/Social Media

Nothing to report;

6. Junior Coaching/Development

There is nothing to report other than BI agreed that in January next year he is happy to run the handicap knock-out tournament again like he has done this year;

7. Maintenance Matters

SB will be approached to box in the new boiler upstairs and also to repair the outside light. GH will follow this up with him;

The committee looked at the two roof quotes that we have received from the specialist roofing contractor and Houghton Building Services. It was agreed that, subject to Town Council funding being available, we should go with Gary Houghton's quote which seems very competitive. We will ask Gary to add extra insulation to the roof. JH will pursue this. GH said that if the Council do contribute it will be twelve/eighteen months away and JH will make Gary aware of this;

It was agreed we would review the general maintenance of the courts in Spring next year when hopefully we will have more reserves in our main bank account. BI will check with Felix who they use for their court maintenance and will provide the details to JH;

8. Other Business

BI advised the committee that it will be World Squash Day on Saturday, 12th October. It was agreed that we would have a 'open' afternoon/evening when all members and prospective members will be invited to play games, have a tournament etc. It will commence around 5pm and will be free. JH will circulate an email to all members and GH/BI will pursue the social media avenues;

The Club's AGM will provisionally be pencilled in for Tuesday, 3rd December at 8pm at The Half Moon. This will be subject to the other committee members who are not present this evening being available.

Meeting closed at 9:02pm.