

**MINUTES of a meeting of the Committee of Alford Squash Club
held at The Half Moon Hotel on Tuesday, 10th March 2020**

Present: Bob Karley (appointed Chairman of the meeting), Graham Hounslow (Secretary), John Hynes (Treasurer and keeping these minutes), Phil Reed, Jim Coulter, Ben Irving, Steve Brough, and Gary Houghton

Apologies: Jim Luck and Chris Sykes

1. Previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on 24th September 2019 were approved and adopted;

2. Treasurer's Report

JH advised the Committee that our bank balances as at today's date are £4,283.35 in the main account and £398.33 in the coaching account. JH said that he felt this was a reasonably healthy balance bearing in mind we have just renewed the Club's annual insurance for £1,000. The light meter takings also remain healthy although, as always, it would be good to push the membership numbers up;

JH confirmed that the gift aid 'project' is on the 'back-burner' for now. It has been quite a time consuming matter for GH and can be picked up in the future if a member of the Committee has time;

3. Signage/Sponsorship

There is nothing to report other than JH confirmed that Jacksons still want to advertise on the tins on Court 1. JH has recently spoken with Craig Lewis and he confirmed that they wanted it. This is in return for the hot water cylinder that they donated to the Club;

4. Website/Social Media

There is nothing specific to report other than BI will promote the handicap competition via social media when it is up and running;

BK confirmed that the Minutes and the Accounts from December's AGM have been added to the website;

5. Junior Coaching/Development

There is nothing to report at present;

6. Maintenance Matters

SB has some bulbs for the internal lights which he will replace shortly;

JH mentioned about the lino needing replacing in the men's changing rooms by the sink. Gary H. knows a carpet fitter and he will approach him to provide a quote for laying some new lino in this area. It was agreed that Gary could give the chap the "green light" to do the work if he felt the quote was reasonable;

Gary can do a 'temporary' repair to the Court roof ahead of hopefully renovating the roof in the not too distant future. He will undertake the work when the weather is drier;

At the previous Committee meeting it was agreed that we would consider the maintenance of the courts in the Spring. The main issue (apart from the roof) is the court floors where some of the boards are coming loose and need attention. BI confirmed that he had been in touch with Felix and they use Court Masters. PR is happy to take this forward and BI will provide him with the contact details for Court Masters. JH will provide PR with the contact details for the firm that we used a few years ago in Bedfordshire. PR will identify how much of the flooring needs replacing and will then report back to the Committee hopefully with some quotes for having the work carried out;

7. Other business

JH advised the Committee that our Insurers queried whether we were under-insured for the building at £250,000. We would need to have adequate funds not only to rebuild the premises but also to clear the site etc. The Committee unanimously agreed that the figure would stay where it is for now and we can review it when we renew the insurance in February next year;

GH advised the Committee that he has been negotiating with EON regarding our gas and electricity accounts which are due for renewal on 1st May. It was agreed that GH will liaise with EON and accept the two year deals that they are offering for both gas and electricity.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 9th June at 8pm** at The Half Moon.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm