

Minutes of a 'virtual' meeting of the Alford Squash Club Committee via 'Zoom' on Tuesday, 9th June 2020 at 8pm

Present: Bob Karley, Graham Hounslow, Ben Irving, Phil Reed, Steve Brough, Chris Sykes and John Hynes (Chairing the meeting and keeping the minutes).

Geoff Allen was also present by invitation.

Apologies: Jim Luck

1. Minutes of the previous meeting: the minutes of the previous Committee Meeting held on 10th March 2020 were approved and adopted as a true record.
2. Treasurer's Report: JH confirmed that the bank balances as at today's date are £14,215.18 in the main account and £398.33. The large increase to the main account balance is due to the coronavirus grant that Geoff Allen has secured from ELDC. The Committee's thanks to Geoff are minuted.
3. Maintenance/Schedule of Works: a detailed discussion ensued about what work should be carried out (preferably while the Club is closed) and what the priorities are. It was unanimously agreed that JH would approach Gary Houghton to see the earliest he could carry out the roof renovation work in accordance with the written estimate that he provided to the Club last year. The first priority is to make the building "water tight".

PR has spoken with two specialist Squash Court maintenance companies. They have advised that we should send them some photos of the walls and floors and a list of the works that we would like them to quote for. This is likely to include re-plastering the Court walls, re-painting them and repairing the Court floors where there are broken boards etc. When PR has got the photos he will email them to JH who will put together a proposed schedule of works and email it to two companies – the company that Felix uses and the company in Bedfordshire we have previously used. We will ask them to quote for doing both courts and just one. It is likely that both companies will want to visit the Club before finalising their quote.

GH suggested that we approach 'Awards for All' to see if they would match fund the grant provided by ELDC. If we can secure this then we can get the roof work completed and also the internal work referred to above. Geoff Allen agreed to make enquiry with 'Awards for All' as it believed they are not taking on any new applications at the present time.

4. Possible re-opening of the Club: it was agreed that it is too early to discuss dates. The Committee will take guidance from / when other sports clubs/leisure facilities can re-open and England Squash are also providing updates to Clubs. In due course, the Committee will need to prepare and circulate a risk assessment to all members. JH will send an update to members in due course.
5. Any other business: JH thanked GH for the work he has done analysing the income and expenditure of the Club over the past five years and his continued work to keep control over the gas/electricity overheads.

JH will check with Gary Houghton as to whether the lino has been replaced in the men's changing room – this was due to be done just before "lockdown".

BK agreed to write a short article about the Club for Alford's new 'virtual' newspaper after BI was contacted by Alison Moore to see if the Committee would be interested.

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed in due course but is presently scheduled for September.

The meeting closed at 8:56pm.