

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Alford Squash Club
held at the squash club on Thursday 23rd June at 20:00**

Present: Bob Karley (appointed Chairman of the meeting), John Hynes (Treasurer), Graham Hounslow (keeping the minutes), Jim Coulter, Ben Irving, Phil Reed, Geoff Allen and Kallan Lamb.

Apologies: Jim Luck, Stuart Baxter & Bob Taylor.

Bob Karley was elected Chairman of the meeting.

1. **The minutes** of the last AGM held on the 22nd July 2021 were approved, signed and adopted as a true record of that meeting and published on the website.

2. **The Chairman, Bob Karley, summarised the events since the last AGM;**

Three main areas to report this year;

Repairs and Maintenance. Due to increasing costs along with problems sourcing materials we are yet to have the roof repaired. The quote received from Gary Houghton needs to be refreshed and Gary is aware of our strong desire to have the roof repaired before the winter. Once the roof is done, we can repair both floors, reskin the walls and give everywhere a fresh lick of paint.

Utility bills. Following many, many years of dealing with Eon, in May this year we switched to Octopus Energy who quoted slightly higher, but our frustration with Eon during the Clubs closure during Covid could not continue. To date we have cleared our debt to Eon with regards to the electricity, but are in dispute with Eon over the gas. We expect to have this cleared up in 6-8 weeks.

Website development. The online booking system went live earlier this year on just one court, proved successful and both are now online only booking. The membership application has also become digital. Bob has played a key role with Paul Lock in applying these dynamic changes to the Clubs administration.

3. **The Treasurer**, John Hynes produced the Club's Accounts, year ending 31st July 2021. A copy of the full accounts are annexed to these minutes. JH briefly summarised that the Club had been closed for a considerable period due to Covid and subsequently income from lights was down. Geoff Allen had secured another £10,000 Covid grant from ELDC. Our bank balance was healthy standing at £21,459.54 although we have had to assign £15,000 to the repairs fund ready for the scheduled works.

It was agreed that the Accounts be adopted and John Hynes will organise a thank you for our auditor, Jenny Cooper. The committee are happy for Jenny to continue parking at the Club as per the existing arrangements.

We have 45 members and 50-60% are now using the courts regularly.

4. **Election of the Committee of Management**, John Hynes and Graham Hounslow were re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary respectively and the remainder of the Committee have agreed to continue in office, with Kallan Lamb being a welcome addition.

The Club's Trustees are David Wood, John Kirkham and Dr David Ferguson. It was suggested that we need to find some new blood in the next 12 months.

Any other business. It was agreed that we keep the spare rackets and balls out for Members to use. That the court heaters be turned off until it gets colder. That Steve Brough and Gary Houghton be asked to look to make the external door more secure. We then had a general discussion on the Clubs lease with our new landlord, Alford Town Council. It was decided that we wait for ATC to propose their intent and we shall then discuss and appoint a spokesperson to represent the Clubs interest.

5. There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 20:59