

Gerrards Cross Squash Club: AGM Tuesday 17th April 2018

Present: David Sledge (Chairman), Ainsley Kemps, Rakesh Gulati, Anita & Richard Crosbie, Ian Swallow, Stewart Hefferman (SHef)
Phil Hudson, Mark Coley and Sam Hill (SHi) also attended

1. Apologies for absence: Chris Hockin

2. Minutes of 2017 AGM: There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2017 AGM

3. Chairman's report: The Chairman commented on what had been a difficult year with the ongoing problems over court heating. He was pleased to report on how readily members had answered the call for assistance in cleaning the floor of court 1 in March.

4. Treasurer's report:

- AK reported that the club had recorded its first loss in 2016/17. This was largely due to a coincidence of high cost maintenance on the court walls and court heating. The club still has reserves but falling membership and reduced court booking coupled with ongoing court heating issues are likely to be an ongoing problem if not addressed.
- The accounts for 2016/17 were presented and accepted: proposed by AK and seconded by RG
- DS thanked AK who stood down following 10 years of service as Treasurer

5. Appointment of club accountants:

It was proposed that our Accountants (Nunn & Co) should be retained for a further year: proposed by SHef and seconded by RG

6. Membership report:

- RG presented the latest Membership statistics which showed a further decline in membership of approximately 5% overall and 8% for adults
- It was agreed to pursue the idea of an advert in the local magazine and further marketing via online methods
- Gayhurst school (12 pupils) are using the courts on Thursday afternoons as an After-School club
- DS proposed that AK be granted honorary life membership in recognition of his service on the Committee
- DS proposed that Bill Baker be granted honorary life membership in recognition of his 80th birthday and his role as a founder member of the club

7. House Secretary's report:

- The roof will have its annual inspection
- The cleaning of the courts organised
- All broken light bulbs have been replaced
- The redecoration of the changing rooms was put on hold due to the financial position. Further quotes will be obtained
- DS reported that the Community Association had stated that the new barriers in the car park had been installed to protect against travellers. They are locked late at night providing there are no cars on the car park.

8. Captain's report:

- Stewart Hefferman reported that the 1st team had finished 4th in the Bucks 1st division

- Four members of the six man team core have represented the county this season. Two members, Stewart Hefferman and Rory Fisher had represented the county in a national over 50s event in which the team came 2nd
- The Vintage team were at the bottom of the 3rd division of the Middlesex league with one match left

9. Subscriptions and court fees

After a discussion of court heating, it was decided to freeze subscriptions and booking fees until the issues have been resolved.

10. Re-election of Directors:

- AK resigned the position of Treasurer. In the absence of a willing successor, RG will fill the role following a brief handover. The position of Membership Secretary will be filled as soon as possible
- RC and RG resigned and were re-elected
- Chris Hockin was added as an elected member

11. AOB

There were no items of other business.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.