

Gerrards Cross Squash Club: AGM Tuesday 24th June 2021

Present: David Sledge (Chairman), Chris Hockin, Rakesh Gulati, Stewart Hefferman, Jessica Richards

1. Apologies for absence:

Anita Crosbie, Richard Crosbie, Ian Swallow, Dick Foskett

2. Minutes of 2020 AGM: There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2020 AGM

3. Chairman's report: The Chairman reflected again on the odd position of a committee running a squash club where no squash could be played for significant portions of the year.

He thanked the members of the committee who had fought for the survival of the club by chasing down sources of funds to keep the club afloat and to build the club back even stronger on return from lockdown.

He also expressed gratitude to the members who had been very understanding in accepting little reward for their membership fee throughout the pandemic. Many members had also come forward to answer our plea for funds, showing tremendous generosity.

We are happy to be able to welcome members back on to court and hope that this will continue indefinitely. The committee will continue to strive to build up the club for the benefit of all members.

4. Treasurer's report:

- The Financial Accounts for 30 September 2020 presented by the Board showing a deficit of £3,875 were accepted by the members. It was noted that subsequent to the year-end grants and donations have been received that secure the future of the club for the foreseeable future
- The accounts for 2019/20 were presented and accepted: proposed by SH and seconded by CH

5. Appointment of club accountants:

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

6. Membership report:

- SH presented the latest Membership statistics which reflected the impact of the periods of lockdown. We are currently around 30 playing members shy of the previous years' high water mark but the current trend is quite encouraging
- There were currently 15 members on the trial membership scheme and the committee are keen to nurture those members to encourage conversion to full membership
- SH led a discussion on the importance of nurturing trial members to encourage retention and proposed having a small group of experienced members to aid in this
- JR suggested increased use of social media to attract new memberships
- JR suggested contacting schools to encourage usage of the courts. SH reported that he was due to meet with a representative of Thorpe House
- Court bookings are rising as a result of the number of trial memberships and the restarting of the leagues

7. House Secretary's report:

- The top of the tin on court 1 is coming away from the wall on the left hand side
- The right hand shower in the gents' changing room has come adrift from the wall
- The shower heads in the ladies' changing room do not sit in their holders
- The light does not work in the ladies' changing room
- The light fitting over the stair well is not working
- The fire extinguishers in the club have been replaced to meet with regulations
- The roof will have its annual inspection
- No court maintenance is planned for this year due to the reduced activity

8. Captain's report:

- There was no news to report

9. Subscriptions and court fees

The decision was taken to keep membership and court fees at the same level

Adult	Family	Under-25	Junior
£115	£160	£55	£30

10. Re-election of Directors:

- SH resigned and was re-elected as proposed by RG and seconded by CH
- IS has resigned and will be leaving the area. The chairman thanked him in his absence
- JR offered to join the committee. She was proposed by CH and seconded by RG

11. AOB

- The Summer Handicap Tournament will be held at the end of September ahead of membership renewal and will be billed as a Welcome Back event
- A free group coaching taster session with John Hatch has been organised for Saturday 3 July from 2 – 4 pm
- SH is arranging for a female racketball coaching taster session during July. Both group coaching sessions will be open to non-members and will be advertised on social media
- The committee will investigate the feasibility of a social event

The meeting closed at 8:18 pm.