

Truro Squash & Racketball Club

AGM Meeting Minutes

3rd September 2021

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Truro Squash & Racketball Club AGM was called to order at 7.00pm on 3rd September 2021 at Truro Squash & Racketball Club by Neil Counter.

Present:

List available

1. Apologies:

Tim May, Tim Smith, Tony Bwyer

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

3. Matters arising

No matters arising

4. Chairman's Report

Neil read out his report (see attached notes). Neil also explained that the computer was still not linking to the lights but at the moment this was not causing too many issues however he hopes this will be resolved shortly. CCTV has also been installed in the corridor and outside the club for added security.

5. Treasurers Report:

Club accounts read out (as attached) and were fully agreed by the members. Gary also added that the club had made a profit through grants despite replastering two courts and painting the 3rd. In the near future the boiler will also need replacing at a cost of around £2000. The members thanked Gary for his hard work in applying and securing all the Covid grants. Simon Treganowan had also secured a grant of £1000 which the members thanked him for.

6. Approve record of Accounts and Appoint Accountants

Record of accounts approved (Nick James, Dave Smith) and all were in favour of Gary Walton carrying on the role of club accountant.

7. Elect Club Officials

It was unanimously agreed to reappoint the club officials and the members thanked Neil for his hard work in keeping the club going in these uncertain times. Dave Smith asked about the size of the committee – Neil explained that often committee members were not always able to make meetings and he felt that club decisions should not be made by three or four people, Nick James commented that the more people who wanted to help the better it is for the club.

8. Membership Description and playing Charges

Julian Roberts explained that the membership had increased considerably since this time last year. Before covid the club had 85 full time members and 13 trial members and the club was on target for 100 full time members. After the first closure FT members dropped to 40. Julian explained that the break even for the club was 75 full time members or the

equivalent. On the 3rd of September the club had 65 full time members and 7 trial as well as 9 daytime members so at this point in time we were above the breakeven number which was really positive since restrictions still existed. Julian also explained that the Junior section numbers had increased and was now the highest it had been for 6 years – the members thanked Jamie Lang for his hard work and commitment. Neil explained that although numbers were encouraging we will need to look at the figures after the renewal date in October.

The committee asked the members on whether there should be a credit refund (on lights) similar to last year for full time members in recognition that the club had been closed for a number of months this year. A vote was taken and it was agreed that there would be no refund in order to protect the club finances.

9. Bar opening

Neil explained that at the moment the bar staff were on flexi furlough to the end of September and at the moment the bar was open for two hours a night on Thursday and Friday. Neil also stated that team squash will start again in September. The bar staff staff stated that they would like to open the bar for longer. The members all agreed that the bar should be open as it was the ‘heart’ of the club however all agreed that it was important that the bar was able to break even. The committee agreed to look at opening the bar for more nights and potentially for longer opening hours in the run up to Christmas when the accounts would be looked at and a decision made on opening hours and days in the new year.

10. Members proposals:

Dave Smith and Tony Bowyer proposed that a large and efficient fan should be installed on each court. Zef Counter stated that there were already fans on each court however they sometimes got blocked. It was agreed to look at fans and costs.

Matt Worthington and Nick James proposed that the clubs fire safety should be looked into. Matt explained that new systems were available to alert players on court and this should be looked at in the very near future considering the numbers of juniors now at the club. Simon Treganowan stated that the club did have an annual safety check which it had passed however all agreed that this should be looked at. The committee agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

11. AOB

The lights on court being fixed to 45 minutes was raised as a concern > members who either arrived early or wanted to finish their game if the court afterwards was free had to pay for another 45 minutes whereas the old system allowed for 8 minutes either side. Neil stated that at the moment sportyHQ would not allow this but he would speak to the designer

Another member asked about guests playing at peak times – Neil agreed to change the system to allow this whilst membership and court use remained low.

Minutes submitted by: Julian Roberts

Approved by: _____

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