

# Truro Squash & Racketball Club

## AGM Meeting Minutes

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

### Opening:

The regular meeting of the Truro Squash & Racketball Club AGM was called to order at 7.00pm on 1st July 2022 at Truro Squash & Racketball Club by Neil Counter.

### Present:

List available

#### 1. Apologies:

David Smith

#### 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 emphasised the huge rise in heating costs and the implications of this in terms of overall costs as we move forward. Neil also talked about the possibility of setting up a table tennis club. Neil also read out the new duties for each committee member and that the committee would create a calendar of events to be emailed to all members at the beginning of each year (TM to lead).

#### 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. Bernard Ballard asked about claw back if we don't use the money – GW said there was not any. Nick James asked about a rolling programme for court maintenance - NC stated it was always on the committee agenda and he was looking into heaters that ran off the hot water (like court 3) for court 1 and 2.

#### 6. Approve record of Accounts and Appoint Accountants

Record of accounts approved (Nick James, Bryn Martin) 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.

#### 8. Membership Description and playing Charges

Julian Roberts explained that the membership had increased considerably over the past few months. 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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 the club had 90 full time members and 16 trial as well as 15 daytime members so at this point in time the club has more members than pre covid! Julian also explained that the Junior section numbers had increased and was now the highest it

had been for 8 years (16) – the members thanked Jamie Lang for his hard work and commitment.

#### **9. Subscription and Playing charges**

Neil talked about the spiralling costs of energy prices which were going to affect the club however he also talked about the cost of living crisis and the fact that lots of members were facing uncertain times and was concerned that raising the membership fees would affect club numbers. The committee proposed a rise of 50p for court lights (which had not gone up in several years). After a discussion with members the proposal was agreed to raise the court lights by £1 to help cover the costs of heat and lighting.

#### **10. Members proposals:**

Club night only membership – It was agreed those who only attended club night would need to join as a social member.

#### **11. AOB**

Simon Tai asked about solar panels on the roof as a more sustainable way to heat and light the courts – NC explained the committee had already looked into this however it was not feasible in terms of the size of the batteries needed, the costs of investment and the amount of energy it would generate.

Members were also concerned about the consistency of the bar opening and whether we had reached a point where members could open up the bar. There were concerns if this happened that the bar would not be cleaned or stack rotated – a discussion ensued as the idea of a key safe for designated members to access was in favour in the room – it was agreed to be discussed at the next committee meeting. JL asked about having the bar open for juniors on a Saturday and it was agreed that the bar would be made available.

NJ asked about the fans on court and could they be repaired – NC explained it would cost £4000 for blue flame to do this and in the past members had maintained the fans – NJ suggested a Saturday 'hit' where members could come in and help with maintenance – it was agreed to discuss this at the next committee meeting.

Tim Smith gave an update on the junior section and juniors from Truro school (who are also members of this club) winning the national title. TM also said that JL has now achieved his L3 elite coach qualification. The members and committee congratulated JL on this milestone and thanks TM for all his dedication to the club.

Minutes submitted by: Julian Roberts

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

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