**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Newton Abbot Squash Racquets and Lawn Tennis Club held on November 20th 2019 at the Recreational trust**

Those Present

Jane Gick, Denise O’Donnell, Andrew Lloyd, Malcolm Watts, Matt Whalley, Dick Lewis, Anthony Brinsley, Alison Melville-Shreeve, Anne Acton, Dan Gough, Tom Boyle, Steve O’Donnell, Dan Wignall, Tim Dickinson, Richard Thomas.

Apologies

Lisa Madge, Sally Mutton, Nick Whalley, Paul Lennox.

Matters arising

Nil to report.

Chair’s report

Jane thanked everyone for attending, a copy of the chairs report is attached.

Treasurer’s report

See attachment of figures.

Malcolm reported that profit looks deceiving as £5500 has been donated from tennis members following a £9000 loan to erect a new tennis fence. We are immensely grateful to those members for the loans. This year we have also not paid the LTA fees as we are currently excluded from the LTA. Russell Bond stopped paying his **licence** fee in October, as agreed. So, although profit looks favourable now, we must improve on membership numbers.

Dan Gough asked about the broad band expense, Malcolm explained that the coverage included the on- line booking system. The other costs to this involved the phone line for internet use. It was suggested alternative providers may be a cheaper option. Malcolm will investigate this.

Miscellaneous expenditure has included solicitors’ fees and CRB checks.

Alison Melville – Shreeve wanted to understand the rec trust loans, Malcolm explained their need and the paying back process. This now equates to £10 000 of the original £20 000 loaned, so a further ten years expected to pay back the loan.

Treasurer’s report was signed and agreed. Malcolm was thanked for his continued hard work as treasurer.

Nominations of officers and Committee

Tom Boyle, former deputy chair, wishes to stand down from committee

Richard Thomas wishes to stand down from committee.

Thanks go to Tom and Richard, for all their hard work and time given to committee.

President Mr. Dick Lewis

proposed by Seconded by

Chair Jane Gick Malcolm Watts Andy Lloyd

Deputy Andy Lloyd Tom Boyle Dan Gough

Treasurer Malcolm Watts Dan Gough Steve O’Donnell

Secretary Sally Mutton Andy Lloyd Matt Whalley

Welfare O Denise O’Donnell Dan Gough Steve O’Donnell

**Committee**  Matt Whalley Andy Lloyd Jane Gick

Nick Whalley Andy Lloyd Jane Gick

Lisa Madge Malcolm Watts Jane Gick

Dave Walker Andy Lloyd Malcolm Watts

Mark Ayliffe Andy Lloyd Malcolm Watts

Dan Gough Andy Lloyd Jane Gick

AOB

Jane had reserved the second half of the chairs report to present as AOB in relation to the current situation within tennis and our tennis coach. See second part of chair report.

Denise O’Donnell was introduced as the current welfare officer for tennis squash and racketball.

At the AGM, a mutual agreed departure date had not been settled. This was discussed at length and at the time of AGM a decision had been proposed, voted on and action to take. However, since AGM our acting Solicitor, Scott Richards had mislaid or not received an agreed negotiated departure date for Mr. Bond. This date requires consultation through committee, nevertheless a date will be finalised for Spring 2020.

At committee, it was decided subs would not be raised whilst we are experiencing difficulties with the tennis coach.

Members at this meeting felt that a small increase in the subs should be considered since there has been no increase for three years. A vote was proposed. The majority agreed a rise in subs.

Membership is currently without a secretary, Dawn and Tim Dickinson have kindly stepped in to sort out the errors to the account and had agreed to oversee membership until someone takes it on. Members thanked them both for their invaluable help, it is also acknowledged this is a temporary position they are holding. It has been suggested that two people should oversee membership and that it should perhaps be a squash/racquets member and a tennis member if possible. There have been no volunteers to the position, an email will be sent to all members, seeking a secretary asap.

Tony Brinsley requested an improved system for running club nights on a Monday and Friday. The system used of booking courts and paying £1 has been overlooked by some players, who continue to play without paying. Dan Wignall currently provides the sheets for the tickets to be applied, he said he would oversee the court reservation sheets as well. If the non- payment of some players continue, further action will be sort. Meanwhile, it was agreed that any members witnessing non- payment should approach the player, asking them to pay their fee.

Club constitution is currently in the process of being updated. It was hoped that a new constitution could be agreed and signed at this meeting. Unfortunately, committee has spent all their efforts working on the tennis coach position, therefore constitution has not been given the time it deserves to get it right. We aim to work on the document, it can then be considered at a special meeting in the future.

Signed:

Chair

Secretary Date: