MINUTES

Meeting	**Appleby Frodingham Squash Club**
Minute No.	**08-2021**
Description	**Committee Meeting**
Date	**2 August 2021**
Time	**6.15 p.m.**
Location	**AFSC Lounge / MS Teams**

Present	**Bert Cotter**	**Chairman**	**BC**
	Soni Crompton	**Treasurer & Mem Secretary**	**SC**
	Lynne Wattam	**Club Secretary**	**LW**
	Marc Taylor	**Committee Member**	**MT**
	Rob Lammin	**Committee Member**	**RL**
	Kevin Robinson	**Committee Member**	**KR**
	Eddie Docherty	**Committee Member**	**ED**
	Paul Matthewman (Teams)	**Committee Member**	**PM**
Apologies	**Steve Hame**	**Committee Member**	**SH**
	Stu Lister	**Committee Member**	**SL**

Distribution **All Present and Apologies**

1.00 INTRODUCTION & APOLOGIES — ACTION

1.01 BC opened the meeting and advised that Stu Lister sends his apologies but he had to work late and if able, he would join the meeting via Teams later on. Paul Matthewman joined via Teams at 6.15pm. There was no apology received from Steve Hame.

2.00 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTIONS

2.01 These were noted and acknowledged as a true record of that meeting and that any actions not already dealt with were subject to discussion as agenda items for this meeting.

3.00 MEMBERSHIP / SUBSCRIPTIONS

3.01 SC provided the following information relating to the current status of subscriptions :-

Out of 178 members on the current booking system –

71 had already rejoined which included 8 honorary members, the breakdown was as follows :-

- 38 external members
- 17 internal members
- 6 juniors
- 1 external joint
- 1 student
- 8 honorary

3.02 BC commented that this was quite a poor uptake but the Committee agreed that we would allow a further 4 weeks, without imposing the £10 re-joining fee, to chase up non-payments / checking member details and also Junior joining forms as these had not yet been sent out.

3.03 MT commented that he felt the Junior Whatsapp had no recent queries or chat about re-starting therefore interpreted this as lack of interest. KR however commented on a differing perspective in that it should be down to the Club to raise interest by advising them when things will be re-starting i.e. junior coaching resuming in September (during term times only).

3.04 BC suggested the 'coaching team' have a separate meeting outside this committee meeting to discuss costs and charges for the junior coaching. **COACHING TEAM**

3.05 It was also recognised that out of the 178 members on the booking system, realistically there were probably around 110 actual members. SC to finalise member lists so that members who had not used courts for a long time could be deleted from the system and of course those that may be contacted with confirmation that they would not be returning will also be deleted. **SC**

3.06 SC advised the meeting that there had been some anomalies to tie up with matching juniors to parents so this would be tied up within the next four weeks and members who had not returned forms would be contacted to gauge whether they want to re-join or leave the Club as personal details needed to be removed from the system. **SC**

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3.07 AFWAC Yellow Card System – SC noted that there were three different types of card that were issued by AFWAC i.e. Yellow (Public) Green (Retired) and Blue (Associate). Within the AFSC there were only three retired members and these were Kev Robinson, Rob Lammin and George Sheath.

4.00 FINANCE & SUBSCRIPTIONS

4.01 [redacted]

4.02 [redacted]

4.03 [redacted]

5.00 CLUB UPDATE

5.01 New Website & Image – the Committee all seemed to agree that the new website was a huge improvement and felt that the low cost had been good value for money.

5.02 LW asked if others could have the log in info to update the website as and when. A couple of errors had already been pointed out but there were bound to be teething issues which could easily be resolved. BC agreed to share the link / password to the website to allow changes and updates by other members. KR expressed that he would like to see the honorary members listed on the website as they account for 10% of the membership. **BC**

5.03 Carpeting – BC advised the meeting that the AFWAC development group had approved in principle the quotation provided by Wilsons Carpets via LW and a contribution of [redacted] would be put to the main AFWAC Exec. BC asked the committee for their approval and the majority agreed. Not only would it smarten certain areas but it was also a necessity to cover up the asbestos floor tiles in the main upstairs corridor. LW to advise Wilsons Carpets to go ahead with booking the job in. **LW**

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5.04 Signage – In line with the new projected images on the new website, prices would be sought via MT for a couple of prices from Scunthorpe Signs and Kevin Earl signwriter. It was felt that wall decals would look better than mounted signage. **MT**

5.05 Discussions ensued about what should and should not be put on the walls in the main foyer so it was agreed that firstly the signage would be undertaken followed by the mounting of the post box / suggestion box and a decision made at a later date about what else should appear in reception and elsewhere e.g. the committee members board. The website would be updated with pictures of the committee members as a starting point. SC advised that her role as Welfare Officer / Child Welfare Officer needed to be updated and prominently displayed.

5.06 Maintenance – BC started by letting the Committee know that he had done a temporary repair to the tin on court 3 but would seek quotes for replacement of all tins at some point. [redacted]

5.07 Online booking system errors – it appeared that two reports of an issue with the online booking system had been identified by people in the same household. It was decided that as no-one else has reported the same issue the problem may be just a technical one in that household and to re-try or re-install software / system and test it out again.

5.08 Club Promotion Ideas / Suggestion Box / Post Box – again it was decided that the post box would make a return to the downstairs foyer once the signage had been sorted. Whilst nobody felt the foyer needed to be cluttered with unnecessary items, the post box was a handy way for people to post information or suggestions to committee members.

5.09 England Squash – Women's Squash Week Application – BC explained that he had tried to log in to submit an application for AFSC as promotion for women's squash would be a great idea. ED advised that there were several layers of application to go through and the Club had enough on currently and would not be ready in time anyway.

6.00 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.01 Mini- Leagues Organiser – SC advised she had asked Paryss Bee if she would like to be on the Committee and manage the mini-leagues. PB has gone away to have a think about time commitments and what is required. **SC**

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KR agreed she should already be on the Committee as it needed some young blood and her input would be very helpful. ED confirmed there is plenty of software out there if guidance required on running the leagues. Also PM can offer support and the rest of the Committee would be there to help out and support where necessary. SC said she would speak to PB next day and gauge her thoughts.

6.02 ED also raised the question of whether we could seek sponsorship for the mini leagues as this had taken place successfully in the past. **ALL**

6.03 New Stringing Machine Training and Pricing – BC confirmed that ED and RL had already provided him with some training but in the initial stages those who are being trained to use this will take a while to pick up the technique and of course the service has to be provided by a Committee Member (or Dick Taylor) free of charge but at cost price for materials back to club funds.

ED said he would be on hand to provide training where required and also that a good selection of wire needs to be available to give members a good choice of stringing styles and patterns.

ED has agreed to attend the Club Thursday evening to provide training to SC. **ED / SC**

6.04 Club Nights – BC reported that the Club Nights recommenced last Thursday however the turnout was rather low but this was to be expected as it was the first one. It was recommended that further promotion on facebook and the new website be implemented and new members / new member enquiries be given the option to come along and join in as this might encourage new membership uptake and give them a chance to meet the members. KR also talked about reintroducing 'off the wall' training sessions.

6.05 Sunday night training sessions – BC asked the Committee if they wished them to recommence this coming week as they used to be very popular Sunday night turnout and provided good practice sessions. It was agreed by all that BC to book courts 3 & 4 between 6pm and 8pm every Sunday evening going forward and reminders would also be put out on facebook and the website. **BC**

SC advised that if the uptake was low she would invite juniors along also.

7.00 DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

7.01 It was agreed the first week in September would be reviewed and a date put forward by BC in due course to avoid other pending diary commitments. **BC**

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8.00 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.01 Bert asked the committee if anybody else wished to raise any items in this section. Nobody else wished to put anything forward so BC went on to raise a couple of further items.

8.02 [redacted]

Currently Andy Davis / Andy Newton & Daz Brand had advertising boards. MT was considering whether to purchase one also.

ED also suggested offering further advertising via the large TV in the members' lounge and MT would look at what could be set up to accommodate this. **MT**

8.03 BC also advised the Club that he would be approaching Zen Den to offer Yoga for Squash and would report back on progress. MT advised that an amp would be required to be purchased to be set up on the speaker system. **BC / MT**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.00 PM.

At some point during the last hour of the meeting the connection on teams was lost and therefore PM was unable to contribute towards later discussions.

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