MINUTES

Meeting	**Appleby Frodingham Squash Club**
Minute No.	**01-2023**
Description	**Committee Meeting**
Date	**9 January 2023**
Time	**6.15 p.m.**
Location	**AFSC Lounge**

Present	**Bert Cotter**	**Chairman**	**BC**
	Lynne Wattam	**Club Secretary**	**LW**
	Paul Matthewman	**Committee Member**	**PM**
	Eddie Docherty	**Committee Member**	**ED**
	Stu Lister	**Committee Member**	**SL**
	Marc Taylor	**Committee Member**	**MT**
	Steve Hame	**Committee Member**	**SH**
	Rob Lammin	**Committee Member**	**RL**

Apologies **None**

Distribution **All Present**

1.00 INVITED GUEST / DISCUSSION RE HEATERS — ACTION

1.01 BC opened the meeting at 6.15 pm and welcomed everyone. There were additional invited guests as follows :-

David Malin
Karl Windsor
Paul Booth
Nigel Bratton
Pete Docherty

The purpose of this initial discussion was to address concerns raised by David Malin and others regarding the installation of space heaters on Courts 3 & 4.

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The Chairman welcomed all invited guests and proposed that he commence the meeting with an explanation of how the Committee had come to the decision to install the new space heaters and how the AFWAC had made their decision on appointing an installer.

The Chairman reiterated his analysis which had been taken over a six month period of court bookings / court usage and showed that it was almost 4 times higher usage on courts between the hours of 4pm and 8pm during the week.

The Chairman also explained the process by which AFWAC had made their decision to appoint M Tech Solutions as the preferred installer. The first estimate had been provided by Trent Valley Electrical and was almost double the successful quote.

The Chairman then opened up the meeting for the invited guests to discuss their concerns to provide a fair hearing.

David Malin had provided the Committee with a breakdown of an analysis of costings and suggested options for consideration prior to the meeting. All present had read through the information prior to the opening of the meeting. It appeared there was some disparity between how costings per kw hour had been worked out and actual costs. BC reminded everybody present that it was hard to know at this stage how these costings would pan out but that these new space heaters were far more cost effective than the previous spot heaters. BC would remain in contact with AFWAC to assess any increase in costs and try to assess how much difference there had been in overall usage.

A number of points were raised by Dave Malin regarding the unfairness to members that they did not have a choice in this decision and that it left certain members feeling that the Committee did not consult with its members. Karl Windsor asked for this point to be specifically minuted, he felt that members were entitled to be given a choice. BC reiterated that decisions could not be put out to ballot as this would be too time consuming but that a possibility of some type of 'questionnaire' be sent to all members for their views on the Club and if there were any issues they felt needed to be rectified by the Committee.

The Chairman responded to this by pointing out that out of a club with 100 members there was only a handful of members that seemed to take umbrage at the Committee's decision to install the heaters and for most members which had been informally canvassed, the decision appeared to be very positive.

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A discussion then ensued about 'alleged wastage' when courts were not booked and heaters were running. BC pointed out that the decision to install had been on the basis of court usage over a 6 month period for all four courts and there were likely to be times when nobody would be on every court but heaters had to remain on for efficiency purposes. BC reminded the meeting that any club they walk into would as a basic be required to be to an ambient temperature.

There was an item raised by Paul Booth regarding stepping down of the Committee members but it was unclear as to what this action would achieve. It was noted that the Chairman not only commits much personal time to the squash club but also spends time attending weekly exec development meetings. BC reminded the meeting that the 2023 AGM is when members would have the opportunity to attend and vote in or out any committee members. BC also stated that the committee was wishing to involve at least 2/3 new members onto the Committee. This would be a point for discussion at future meetings / AGM.

The thermostatic heaters in the Club are all set to their lowest temperature to keep the building comfortable for members and also to prevent damp which MT pointed out is the case at the Barrow Squash Club.

A further point made by David Malin was a request to reinstate the old pay as you play heaters for those wishing to utilise courts outside the space heater timed settings. MT and BC advised that this was not possible due to a major costly rewire around £9K.

BC called a close to the invited guests so that usual committee items could be discussed. The invited guests left the meeting at around 7pm.

After the guests had left the meeting, the committee discussed the possibility of enquiring with the manufacturer whether the coin meter could be attached to the space heaters to allow people who wished to pay and play the option of utilising the space heaters for earlier sessions. MT would make enquiries and if the cost reasonably low enough e.g. under £500 so as not to have to go for AFWAC approval then this may be installed. The fee would remain as the other heaters at £1 per hour. MT reminded the meeting that the space heaters needed at least a half hour to warm up to sufficient temperature so members would need to be aware of this. RL said that it would be acceptable as members could arrive half an hour early to pre warm a space heater and that would give members the choice

As this meeting had continued past the time expected to conduct the regular agenda items, it was agreed by all present to acknowledge the last set of minutes and re-schedule this meeting so as not to cause a late finish for everybody.

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2.00 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2.01 The last set of Minutes from 21 November 2022 were noted as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed by BC and seconded by SL.

3.00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3.01 Next Committee Meeting – date to be agreed.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.30 PM.

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