

**ASHTEAD SQUASH & TENNIS CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER 2019**

1. Apologies were received from Paddy Minnis, Den Flavell, Steve Kearney, Steve Holmes, Peter Ward, Sheila & Aubrey Fox, Graham Smith and John Kester
2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were recorded as a true account of the meeting. Proposed by Tony Hill and seconded by David Sansom.
3. Chairman's Report. The Chairman, prior to reading his report, corrected Norman Thomas on his views made at the ASRC Ltd AGM regarding the financial situation as reported in the Club's financial statement. The Chairman said that, in reality, if you take out the 150 Club contribution of £11,119 from the previous year accounts, the Club actually made a profit of some £3,000 in the most recent financial year (2018/19).

The Chairman continued by reading his report as previously circulated.

4. Treasurers Report.  
In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman delivered Tony's report. The main points raised were bar takings were down in comparison to 2018/19, due in part to Stoptober and two social functions which were held in the previous year.

Various points were discussed but it was agreed that the over-riding factor is that the Club is financially very sound and continues to forecast a healthy surplus for the current financial year.

Questions were taken from the floor regarding the proposed outside development, which included exclusivity, sound-proofing and usage. Questions were also raised as to whether Jo-Co could use courts during the day rather than a new building. This was noted to be impractical as most of Jo-Co over-run is from 3.30pm to early evening. Mike Jardine suggested that Court 1 could be turned over to a Fitness/ Dance Studio. The Chairman replied that he did not think this was a workable option but agreed to look into court usage and obtain the views of the membership.

At this point the Hon. Sec. called the meeting to order and suggested that the discussion with regard to the proposed outside building should be discussed at Point 8 of the Agenda.

5. Accounts were proposed by Richard Skeet and seconded by Brian Wright.
6. Reports from other sections had been previously circulated. No comments were noted.
7. Election of officers was proposed and unanimously voted into office for the coming year.

8. Funding Presentation: The Chairman presented his views on funding options for major projects at the Club.

Following this presentation questions were raised from the floor: Graham Jones asked what the hourly rate charged to Jo-Co and were we getting value for money versus wear and tear and were we at the correct market rate. The Chairman reported that without Jo-Co's financial contribution to the Club we would struggle to make sufficient surplus to invest in upgrades to the Club but agreed that he would undertake a study on prices of similar facilities.

The comparison model to Tyrrells Wood Golf Club fund raiser was mentioned by Richard Skeet. When polled, the members there pledged 40% of the funds required but after it was announced that 4% interest would be paid, there was a 130% take up.

Graham Francis asked why, when we have a healthy reserve fund, the Committee were not considering spending money from this account. The Chairman stated that this account is purely for emergency building works, etc. Graham also asked if local firms had been contacted with a view to sponsorship, and in particular SITA and BIFFA. The Chairman responded that the Committee would look at this option.

Further discussions took place with regard to changing Court 1 to Fitness/Dance Studio. The Chairman reiterated that he would look at all options.

Steve Hanrahan suggested that a comprehensive business plan for the further development of the Club should be place. The Chairman agreed.

9. Any Other Business:

Stewart Nunn reported that the new arrangements for parents/children attending Jo-Co classes were much better and he hoped that this would continue.

The question was raised as to the costings and future running costs of new radiant court heaters. These are to be trialled only on one court but are believed to have lower running costs to the heating at present installed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.13pm