

TAVISTOCK SQUASH CLUB - AGM NOVEMBER 2021

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

With another disrupted year due to the COVID pandemic we can at least take comfort from the fact we are open and the club is running reasonably well, despite the concerns clearly held by many members. We are even having a formal AGM at The Bedford Hotel again.

It is now over four months since the club was allowed to re-open properly and as of today we have the internal leagues for both squash and racketball up and running, Club Night is back and usually well attended, the afternoon sessions have also re-started, although numbers are relatively low at the moment, and we even have a team back playing in the Plymouth Company Squash League. We have also looked at starting the internal competitions, but it seems demand is not great. However, I will organise the John Jameson Trophy Competition for January and re-jig the annual competition dates to fit in with this new start.

As a result of the pandemic the club have received substantial funds from the government as a sports facility that was required to close. This continued for each lockdown period and a further substantial payment was made to "kick start" things when the club was allowed to re-open this year. As you will know we invested heavily following the first payments given in 2020 and the club is in a very healthy financial position. We have plans to invest further sums including upgrading some of the fitness equipment, but the bottom line is we should be secure for many years even if we have ongoing issues with COVID reducing membership. Mike will of course provide full details in a minute

All in all though it has been another quiet year, but the committee have remained active to ensure that we can respond to issues and make sure the club meets the requirements of its members going forward. However, the current situation remains very uncertain and we continue to stress that members must behave responsibly and avoid any risk of spreading the virus by their actions or inactions. The rule still applies that if you have any concerns you could have the virus, then you are not allowed to use the club until after ten days. It is of course easy to get tested these days.

As most of you will probably know by now Joe Kuipers had a nasty accident riding his horse and in an effort to concentrate on his recovery he has stood down from his role as club secretary. I spoke to Joe on Monday and I am delighted to say he is much better and sounding like his old self again, although still not fully recovered. Joe has been an excellent committee member for a long time and the club owes a debt of thanks for his time and effort in helping run the club. I am sure like me we wish Joe a full recovery very soon so he can get back on court.

Unfortunately, it means the club is still looking for a new club secretary. Like all such clubs we rely on people's generosity in giving up their time to help make sure the members enjoyment of the facility is maintained. Joe, Mike and I in particular have all been involved for a long time now and there will come a time in the not too distant future when other members need to step up and take on some of these roles themselves. We ask all members to consider joining the committee and taking an active part in running this club. If that's something you feel you can do then please contact me.

There is not much else to report at this time and we just hope the next twelve months will see the club continue to return to normal. However, as usual if anyone has any issues they wish to be addressed by the committee please contact me or another committee member.

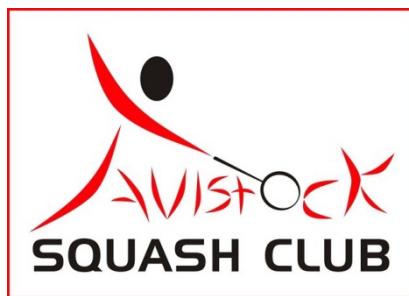
As usual I would like to thank everyone on the committee who has helped run the club and anyone else who has given up their time for the benefit of the club.

Simon Powell
Chair

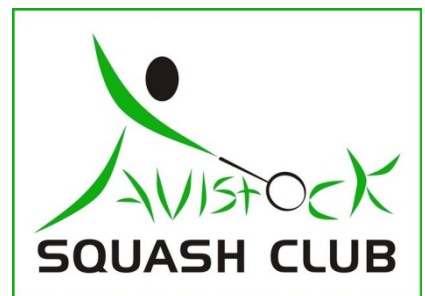
TAVISTOCK SQUASH CLUB



THE CLUB



THE TEAM



THE ACADEMY

Agenda

Tavistock Squash Club AGM

Wednesday 24th November 2021

Bedford Hotel, Tavistock, 1930hrs

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of AGM 2020 - none
3. Chair's Report – SP
4. Secretary's Report – nothing to report
5. Treasurer's Report – MB
6. Academy update – SM
7. Committee elections
 - Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Membership Secretary
 - Junior Rep
 - Women's Rep
 - Other Committee Members – Wendy, Daniel, Peter
8. AOB

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Minutes

Tavistock Squash Club AGM

Wednesday 24th November 2021

Bedford Hotel, Tavistock, 1930hrs

1. Welcome and apologies

Simon (SP) opened the meeting by welcoming those present and by acknowledging apologies received.

Attendees:

Committee: Simon Powell (Chair), Mike Benstead (Treasurer), Helen de Carles (Membership), Steve Mooney (Junior Rep), Peter Bond, Daniel Rodia, Wendy Savage (Committee Members)

Members: Andy Marsh, Rob Palmer, Neil Martin, Colin Grice, Peter Strongitharm, Jane Savage

Apologies: Joe Kuipers, Kate Wright, Will Westlake, Steve Tripp, Sam Herbert, Robin Burdfield, Sue Whiteman, Corrie Grice, Maggie Lilley

2. Minutes of AGM 2020

SP informed those present that there was no AGM held in 2020 due to Covid-19, but that the minutes taken at the AGM in 2019 had been circulated to the membership. The committee had received no comments regarding these therefore it was accepted that the membership was in agreement that the minutes should be accepted.

3. Chair's Report

SP presented his Chair's Report – which can be seen on the club's website.

Despite Covid-19 causing disruption to the normal operation of the club for the previous 20 months, SP was pleased to confirm that most of the club's activities had started up again albeit in a low key manner with some members still choosing to wait before joining in with general club events.

As a result of Covid, SP informed the membership that various funds had been received which would support the club, even if Covid restrictions continue, and that the committee had plans to invest these in the club to ensure its future stability.

SP announced that Joe Kuipers (JK) had resigned his position of Secretary in order to concentrate on his recovery after his recent riding accident. SP thanked JK for all his hard work over many years at the club and wished him well on behalf of the club.

Membership numbers remain fairly stable at 173 – mainly within the 36-59yr age range with only 19 under 20yrs and 12 over 69yrs.

SP asked any members who are willing to join the committee to come forward, and thanked the current members for their contribution.

4. Secretary's Report – nothing to report

5. Treasurer's Report

Mike Benstead (MB) presented his Treasurer's Report – which can be seen on the club's website.

MB reported that he is confident that the club is in no financial danger. However, he was keen to stress that the figures detailed in his report, although accurate, are extraordinary due to the pandemic and therefore any comparison with previous years' figure would be pointless. The report shows an operating profit of £17,277, some of which MB is expecting to have to allocate to currently rising energy costs in coming months. Daniel Rodia offered to help the club secure a good deal when our energy contract is due to be renewed.

MB was thanked for his work as treasurer once again.

6. Academy update

Steve Mooney (SM) was pleased to report that the Junior Academy is thriving with 20 juniors now registered, and sessions running twice each week. SM informed members that there are

now junior leagues and ladders, and that juniors are representing the club at events across the county. As a result of the Junior Academy the club has gained three new family memberships. SM confirmed he has ideas on how to develop the academy further and thanked Victor Wright and Wendy Savage for their help in running the junior sessions.

7. Committee elections

With the appropriate proposers and seconders:

SP was re-elected as Chair.

MB was re-elected as Treasurer.

Helen de Carles was re-elected as Membership Secretary.

SM was re-elected as Junior Rep.

Wendy Savage was elected as Women's Rep.

Daniel Rodia and Peter Bond were elected as Committee Members

The position of Secretary remains undecided.

8. AOB

Colin Grice raised the question as to whether the solar panels needed cleaning, suggesting that they would be more efficient, and offered to check the gutters. SP thanked Colin and confirmed he would investigate the state of the solar panels.

Colin also suggested that cars were parking in the club's carpark that were not linked to the club and informed the committee that he had put notes on these vehicles asking them to park elsewhere. It was agreed that some form of signage is needed to deter others from parking at the club.

Video Recording : Andy Marsh asked whether the video recording system within the club and courts is working. Peter Bond asked whether there is sufficient signage within the club informing members of video recording. MB questioned whether the club should have a security camera covering the outside of the building / carpark.

The committee agreed to look into the general provision of CCTV.

Neil Martin asked if a Christmas Blue Ball Competition was planned. SP agreed to gauge level of interest amongst members and to organise if sufficient demand.

SM informed the meeting that he was prepared to hold further Ladies Only sessions if there was enough demand. SP agreed that the courts could be booked out for these sessions and that potential members should be allowed to attend Monday Club Nights on a limited basis before taking out a membership.

Meeting closed at 2030hrs.

TAVISTOCK SQUASH CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT
Year Ending October 31st 2021

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Treasurer's Report

This report must reflect the financial position at the end of October 2021 which it does in the income and expenditure statement and balance sheet.

The squash club made an operating profit year on year of **£17,277**

Due to the current pandemic the budget for 2021-2022 has not yet been agreed by the committee. However, we have looked at the day to day running costs of the club and given the finances available have concluded the club is in no financial danger.

Income

Overall income was **up 25%** year on year.

The reason for this is the £18,119 in grants received by the club from Devon County Council due to having to close the club during the pandemic.

Income comparisons with previous years is almost pointless as we were closed both last year and this year for large periods.

One notable exception is the income from the Juniors. This income represents 2 years worth of payments to the club as the payment tin was not emptied previously due to COVID.

Expenditure

Again, comparisons with previous operating years is somewhat pointless.

Total expenditure was down 100% on the previous year as the only major expenditure this financial year was refurbishing one of the courts.

Overview

Money owed to members on their fob accounts is now shown as a liability on the balance sheet. At the end of October 2021 the club had a total of £26,536 in the bank and owed £2,209 to members.

Tavistock Squash Club has undoubtedly been one of the few businesses that have benefited financially from the pandemic and subsequent grants.

It should be noted that in a "normal" operating year the clubs biggest running cost is electricity. Under the existing contract this is charged at £0.155 p/kWh but this contract is due to expire 31st December 2021. Given the volatile nature of the electricity market at the moment

it is extremely unlikely we will be able to secure a similar price. Currently we are being offered £0.288 p/kWh which is an 85% increase.

Electricity fees in the financial year 2017/2018 (pre-pandemic) were £7,700 so we could expect to pay as much as £14,500 in the coming year if we are unable to secure a better contract.

That said, we are being advised at the moment not to enter into any long-term contracts and to see how the market develops over the next 3 to 6 months.

It should also be noted that the club has installed LED lighting in all areas of the club and thermostatically regulated the heating on the courts since the 2017/2018 comparison.

As always, a line by line income and expenditure report will be made available on the website after the AGM.

TAVISTOCK SQUASH CLUB

Income and Expenditure Statement as at 31st October 2021

INCOME	2021			2020	2019
Membership	£5,357	20%	£1,067	£4,290	£9,679
Court Fees	£2,700	9%	-£242	£2,942	£5,944
Drinks	£0	100%	-£22	£22	£662
Juniors	£680	100%	£680	£0	£165
Advertising	£0	100%	-£500	£500	£500
Grips/Balls/Shirts/other	£0	100%	-£1,065	£1,065	£968
Grant	£18,119	45%	£8,119	£10,000	£0
Fund Raising	£0	100%	-£685	£685	£250
PV Solar Panels	£609	79%	-£479	£1,088	£996
Total Income	£27,465	25%	£6,874	£20,591	£19,164
EXPENDITURE					
Water	£146	231%	-£337	£483	£952
Rates	£41	294%	-£121	£162	£220
Cleaning	£2,411	5%	-£109	£2,520	£2,284
Electricity	£1,716	103%	-£1,770	£3,486	£4,767
Repairs	£729	261%	-£1,907	£2,636	£516
Drinks	£0	100%	£0	£0	£176
Gym Costs	£0	100%	£0	£0	£524
Juniors	£1,515	65%	£990	£525	£1,421
Team and Comps	£0	100%	£0	£0	£580
Subs repayment	£50	254%	-£127	£177	£146
Major Item Expenditure	£1,890	270%	-£5,100	£6,990	£1,500
Misc Running Costs	£159	131%	-£209	£368	£452
Balls/Grips for sale	£0	100%	-£218	£218	£206
Bank Charges	£128	8%	£10	£118	£330
Sub Total	£8,785	101%	-£8,897	£17,682	£14,074
ADMIN					
Insurance & Rent	£958	4%	£41	£917	£894
Telephone /Internet	£0	100%	-£360	£360	£390
Secretarial	£0	100%	£0	£0	£0
Computer	£444	30%	£135	£309	£777
Advertising	£0	100%	£0	£0	£0
Sub Total	£1,402	13%	-£184	£1,587	£2,061
Total Expenditure	£10,188	89%	-£9,081	£19,269	£16,136
Profit (Loss)	£17,276.99			£1,322.23	£3,879.10

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Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Two Squash courts and Changing Rooms	£43,568	£43,568
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CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors		
Prepaid expenses		
Bank Deposit Account	£24,327	£7,050
Bank Current Account	£2,209	£2,209
HSBC Deposit Bond		
	£26,536	£9,260
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>£26,536</u>	<u>£9,260</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>£70,104</u></u>	<u><u>£52,828</u></u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Money owed to members	£2,028	£1,722
Represented by:-		
ACCUMULATED FUND		
Accrued Surplus Brought Forward	£52,828	£51,502
Surplus/Deficit for the year	£17,276	£1,326
	<u><u>£70,104</u></u>	<u><u>£52,828</u></u>