

Minutes of the 45th RLTS Annual General Meeting

Held via Zoom on Wednesday 17th June 2020

1. Apologies for absence were received from Alyson Torns, Aden Irwin, Bridget Goodman, Anthoula Madden, Alan Marcus and Rosamund Gray.
2. Jackie Underwood (JU), Club President, asked for approval of the minutes of the 2019 AGM. This was proposed by Simon Hancock and seconded by Suzi Lynch.
3. Simon Spalter (SS), Club Chairman, presented the Trustees' Report. The Club's return to pre-COVID levels of activity will be determined by the guidance of the UK Government and the relevant sporting bodies, notably the LTA and Squash England. SS is stepping down after 5 years as Chair, during which time the Club has strengthened its position. He thanked the Club Committee, those members who had supported his endeavours and the Club coaches. SS said he had worked particularly closely with Jeanette Taylor and Jordan Miles and felt they had been a formidable team. Nyall Jacobs and Mike Jaffa are also standing down as Trustees. They have both given so much time to communications and tennis and SS was very grateful of their hard work. The Club was pleased to present them both with gifts as a form of thanks for their help. JU presented SS with a gift on behalf of the Club, for which he thanked the whole Club.
4. Simon Hancock (SH) presented the Treasurer's Report. The Management Accounts had been emailed to members & would be posted on the Club web site. The financial position is solid, with cash of £170,000 and EBITDA of £40,000 after adjusting for a one-off grant, which will be used to fund future maintenance and investment. The Accounts had been reviewed by Daniel Wolfson & Co. Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Kyri Costi and seconded by Bob Huffam.

5. Other Trustee Reports had been emailed to members and there were no questions.
6. Kyri Costi was proposed as Club Chairman by Alison Argyle and seconded by Roger Ashenden. Alison Argyle (AA) was proposed as Tennis Chair by Kyri Costi and seconded by Derek Thorpe. Gavin Green (GG) was proposed as Squash Chair by Kyri Costi and seconded by Dave Rawlings. Danine Irwin was proposed as Communications Officer by Alison Argyle and seconded by Molly Barton.
7. Daniel Wolfson & Co. were re-appointed as independent reviewers of the Accounts; proposed by Karen Curran and seconded by Suzi Lynch.
8. JU led an enthusiastic vote of thanks to SS for how the club had been brought on so well during his term as Chair. Di Harris asked when the Office would be re-opening; SS replied that there would be more flexibility within the Government furlough scheme from July when this would be considered by the new Committee. SH asked when squash might restart; GG replied that England Squash had said possibly in July. JU asked when the Club might return to its subscription form of membership. SS didn't think we should do this while some might not feel it was safe to play, we were reluctant to do this while the clubhouse was closed and there were no team matches so maybe in August. Paul Gershlick asked about members making charitable contributions in lieu of membership; SS said the Club still welcomed them, although the pace had slowed down. Klaus Henke asked about junior representation on Committee; SS said greater volunteer involvement was always welcome and that volunteers should approach the new Tennis and Squash chairs. Robert Franks asked if we would be holding a Club tournament; SS replied that we would not do so until it was safe and so not before the Autumn. SH asked when Wednesday tennis socials would re-start; AA replied that she was meeting with Jordan

Miles and would then give an update. The meeting closed at 8:32pm.