

Coolhurst Tennis & Squash Club

Minutes of AGM held on 24 May 2021

Chairman: Steve Nardelli

Zoom organised by Club Secretary

All voting was on line. It had opened earlier that day and closed the next morning.

The zoom waiting room opened at 6.45 pm. At 7pm there were 34 attendees. By 7.15 the number had climbed to 42 and at 8pm was 44.

The meeting started at 7 pm.

1. The Chairman welcomed members and gave his report on the year.

The Club had weathered the Covid crisis and come out of it with membership numbers high, and in a strong financial position. The Chairman thanked both the GMC and the Club's members for their support.

2. Michael O'Callaghan presented the minutes of the 2020 AGM. There were no queries.
3. Charlie Logan, Squash Secretary, gave his report.
4. Martin Hearn, Tennis Secretary, gave his report.
5. Bob Taylor, Treasurer, gave his report.
The financial position was strong. There was a commitment to pay off a further £300k of member loans soon, and perhaps to pay off all the debt by the end of the year.
6. Motion to amend AGM quorum requirement in the Club's Articles of Association.
Michael O'Callaghan, proposing, explained the AGM quorum is 20 and it would be desirable to make explicit that online presence counts towards that number.
7. Motion to bar paid staff from the GMC.
Nigel Hutchings, proposing, said that in the interest of good governance, GMC members should not be paid employees of the club.

Walter Merricks, speaking against the motion, said that the Club's articles of association allowed allowed paid members to be on the GMC, other clubs had similar arrangements, and it would be legally difficult to sack the accountant.

8. Election of Treasurer.
In his address, candidate Bob Taylor drew attention to the club's strong financial position.

Paul Harris said he would bring a fresh approach to the job. When asked about Nuthurst, Bob said he thought nothing could be done. Paul supported Nuthurst's continued independence

9. Election of Bar Secretary.
Michael O'Callaghan hoped to contribute to the smooth running of the bar and kitchen. He would continue to organise social events as he had done in the past such as film nights, speaker evenings, wine tastings, quizzes, etc.

Adam de Winter said he had helped to organise the construction of the new patio . When asked about the bar, he said he would listen to what members wanted, and accept an offer of help from the outgoing Bar Secretary.

10. Green Coolhurst.

Proposals to make Coolhurst more environmentally friendly had been prepared by a number of members and were presented by Razvan Telitoui. The Chairman, responding, said these suggestions would be reviewed by the incoming GMC.

11. AOB.

Lucy Whatling said that she had not been asked to pay her subs as a social member. She had heard there was a plan to abolish social membership, and asked if social subs would be increased. The Chairman said he welcomed social members and favoured no increase in subs.

Nabil Stuart made a number of points: the functioning of the complaints procedure should be improved, the Club should involve members more, and that policies on inclusion and diversity should be better. The Chairman welcomed these remarks and said these would be taken up by the incoming GMC.

12. Close.

Steve Nardelli, Chairman, closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance. He looked forward to another successful year for the Club and thanked the Club Secretary for running a successful first ever Coolhurst Zoom AGM.

The meeting closed at 8.45.

The results of the voting, which were published the day after the meeting, follow these minutes.

M O'Callaghan
7th June 2021

Results of electronic voting for Coolhurst 2021 AGM.

1. Motion to approve the 2020 AGM minutes. For 100% (189). Against 0.
2. Motion to receive the accounts. For 100% (191). Against 0%.
3. Motion to on reappointment of Collards as auditors. For 95% (182). Against 5% (10).
4. Motion to approve tennis subs. For 97% (182). Against 3% (6).
5. Motion to delegate approval of squash subscriptions. For 99% (183). Against 1% (2).
6. Election of Treasurer

Bob Taylor	61% (115).
Paul Harris	39% (74).
7. Election of Bar Secretary

Adam de Winter	63% (120).
Paul Harris	38% (72).
8. Motion to change Articles so online presence explicitly counts towards AGM quorum.
For 95% (188). Against 5% (9).
9. Member resolution to bar employees from GMC membership.
For 63% (12). Against 38% (72). Note: Special Resolutions require 75% to succeed.

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