

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

Biddenden Squash Club.

Held on Friday 24th September 2021 at 7:00pm.

Biddenden Squash Club, Tenterden Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8BB.

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance In Person

Phil Porter, Tom Swain, Robin Swain, Jackie Jensen, Mark Butterworth, Will Tuffin, Jo Davies, Jo Ashby, Simon Ashby, John Sharples, Rob Norman, Louise Gibbs, Rupert Gibbs, Shelley Kerr, Abbie Gibbs, Katy Bridges, Michael Webb, Tim Davies, Georgie Davies, Caroline Swain, Lorna Lancashire, Elliot Lancashire, Ben Austin, Tony Scott
Bo Jensen (non-voting), Ginda Sharples (non-voting), Scott Finnan (non-voting), Hannah Wood (non-voting).

Apologies D Goldsmith, T Goldsmith, David Robson.

Proxy Votes None put forward.

STATEMENT OF AGENDA

- Written report & approval of last years accounts (both shared prior to the meeting)
- Special notices
- Election of Officers to the Club
- Open forum / AOB

(i) Tonights meeting chaired by Mark Butterworth.

(ii) The minutes from the 2020 AGM were noted as approved 1 month after they were issued.

WRITTEN REPORT & ACCOUNTS (From 2020/21 Committee)

The report was distributed prior to the meeting so as to trial a newer way of running the AGM meeting to a) increase the number of people attending and b) reduce the time covering updates and instead focus on value add / decisions.

Of note the club managed to minimise its outgoings and raise several grants to support the club during the course of the year. This meant that at the financial year end (31st March 2021) the club ended with £11,724 in reserves. Until life stabilises and returns to normal this level of reserves is seen as important to ensure it is able to weather short term changes that may affect the clubs ability to keep the bar open / courts open etc.

Simon Ashby raised a thank you to Mark Butterworth for pursuing all the grant monies.
(Embarrassed appreciation from Mark!)

The report and accounts were accepted as approved by the attendees.

So now onto some specific notices...

Club person of the year

John Sharples has played a significant role with the club and on the committee for at least 10 years. John has decided to stand down from the Committee, but it is his continued dedication to help maintain and improve the club for which this year's award goes to John. Thank you, John, for your services to the club and the Committee. The Club person trophy was presented to John by the Chairman, Mark Butterworth.



Long service

and standing down from the Club

Jackie Jensen Where do we start! Jackie has been with the club since the early 80s in a number of different roles. She has been club person of the year twice; has run the bar on Mondays for as long as people can remember; used to be part of the Ladies team; an active player in the leagues and various tournaments; and has been responsible for making a large number of the inner Dance events successful. It would be hard to pin any one down as the defining role, but what is true is that every day she has been with the club has been brighter because of her. Thank you!! In recognition of this we have also awarded Jackie with an **Honorary membership** to the club.

Committee thank you!

Special thanks also must go to the Committee for their invaluable work in maintaining the club during this difficult time. The appreciation was clear from all in the room!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Elections were held on a hand vote as follows for the 2021/22 period.

Chairman / Village Halls trustee - Mark Butterworth

Vice Chairman & Membership Secretary - David Robson

Treasurer - Elliot Lancashire

Club Secretary - Dan Goldsmith

Director of Squash - Tom Swain

Bar Manager - Caroline Swain

Ladies Representative - Jo Davies

Keeping us honest Committee Member - Simon Ashby

OPEN FORUM / A.O.B

No further comments were noted. The meeting was closed at 7:30pm