

Grantham Squash and fitness club

Chairman's report 64th AGM

Before I go through my report I would like to thank everyone for their support and in particular the staff, management, gym instructors, fellow committee members, club captains, junior coaches, club sponsors and also those members who have gifted the club when asked in the way of beneficial or no charge rates for their expertise and services.

We must remember that we are looking at a financial period that starting over 18 months ago tonight, but I am going report on the present and our aspirations for the coming year.

As a whole, in my slightly biased opinion, the gym, courts, overall facilities, grounds etc are as good as they have been for a very long time and we must remember that most of this is as a result of the generous members who gifted the club through covid, as well as the odd insurance claim!

We must however be realistic that this level of investment is unfortunately unsustainable at present but what we can and will do is continue with minor improvements to maintain your club to an extremely high standard.

This approach however doesn't always sit right and that is why the committee along with Bryn and Nigel are striving to obtain target grants for major club improvements such as improving our energy efficiency, installing LED lighting throughout, accessibility for all, coach funding for disability groups to name a few and it is this that will ensure the club is sound for generations to follow.

It is wonderful to see the junior development project continuing to be a huge success and again thanks to all those coaches involved. I feel that we are slowly returning to a family orientated club and that is our future.

As always the committee reserves the right to increase fees if they feel it is required and given the likely outcome of next weeks budget, I suspect that this is highly likely but I must stress that if we feel that this is appropriate it is only to cover any increase in costs we incur.

In short, your club is in a very good place, the membership is stable at just over 600 and it is my ambition to ensure it continues to move forward at a sustainable pace.

Shortly Colin, who is the acting Club treasurer, and I must again thank him for stepping up to the plate, will present the accounts followed by Nick who will present Marks Squash report.