

AGM May 2022 – Resolution – “£10K reserve for future projects”

Whereas the document entitled “Finances_to_31_March_2022”, provided to members for the AGM in May 2022, shows the sum of £10,000 (ten thousand GBP) is set aside as a “Designated reserve for future capital projects”, scrutiny shows this to be unnecessary at this time and indicates a decision which has been poorly thought through by the managing Committee.

1.The very broad umbrella term "future capital projects", stated in “Finances_to_31_March_2022” does not specify what type of projects the reserve is intended.

During the past few months, a sub-committee of present and past committee members and chairmen has been working to produce a new Club Constitution and accompanying document entitled Policies, Procedures and Controls (PPC) document.

The PPC sets out, in part, to establish financial procedures and spending controls for the Club’s managing committees into the future. The PPC introduces detailed parameters for a much-needed Long-term Maintenance Fund, to be established to fund the upkeep of deteriorating assets such as playing courts and the premises. Specifically, it excludes capital projects for the development and improvement of the Club, which should be funded differently.

2.The sum of £10,000 (ten thousand GBP) seems arbitrary given that considerable research is required to establish how much a reserve or fund needs to be and for what period it is intended.

The new Constitution and accompanying PPC document is expected to be offered to the members for approval at an EGM later this year, after a suitable period for consultation, probably in July. When it is offered, the Club's financial position for the current year will be clearer and the delay until then will give time for research to be carried out to establish what lump sum from the Club's monies can usefully be allocated to start the new fund – if the fund and the allocation is approved.

Even though the current Treasurer’s report states the reserve is intended for “wear and tear”, future committees could use it for other purposes if it is not specified and new committees are not bound by formal instructions given somewhere by the members.

3.Allocating £10,000 (ten thousand GBP) at this time, without research, effectively reduces the unallocated bank balance for the current year by that amount, when elsewhere the Committee is insisting on cutting small sums of expenditure and has, for some time, been engaged in spending member’s cash on projects which some consider unnecessary and ill conceived.

Resolution – the members of Littlehampton Badminton and Squash Club require their managing Committee to remove from the “Finances_to_31_March_2022” the £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) designated as a reserve for future capital projects and to delay making any allocation of monies from the Club’s accounts to this or any similar fund, until after the members have formally approved such a disbursement.

Proposed Stephen Twigg (Membership Number 2042)

Seconded Clive Abbot

4 May 2022