

MINUTES OF EGM/AGM HELD 13TH FEBRUARY 2024

PRESENT

Sue Paton, Sue Orrell, Annette Small, Andrew Paton, Nigel Davies, Mark Peter, Carolanne Minnis, Suzy Guest, Martin Bloor, Barbara Bloor, Laura Myers, Nicola Roberts, Fiona Hughes, Jill Wright, Chris Watt, Tom Evans, Barbara Bogin, Glen Penn, Kate Steer, Ian Wilson, Willemien Van Der Hoeven, David Young, Monica Toosey, Debbie Peter, Kate McCall, Sue Davies, Lynn O'Brien, Jo Deacon, Rebecca Davidson, Ann George, Adrian Meikle, Judy Hughes, Trevor Merrick, Tom Pridgeon, Owen Kirkham, Melanie Sullivan, Chris Keggin, Paul Cooper, Catriona Irving

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Article 1 – Visitors and Guests

The secretary explained the nature and background of the proposed amendment. There were no questions from the floor and the amendment was approved unanimously.

Article 2 – General Meetings

The secretary explained the proposed amendment, explaining that it brought the Company more in line with the Companies Act 1985. There was a question from the floor as to whether Lifetime Social Members would be included in the membership numbers for the purpose of calculating the minimum threshold for an EGM, and whether they were entitled to vote. After reference to the Articles of Association, the Secretary stated that Lifetime Social Members are included in membership numbers and are entitled to vote. The amendment was approved by a majority of the attendees with one vote against and no abstentions.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Gilly Sandman, Myra Sloan, Margaret Ransome, Jackie Williams, Penny Robinson, Stephen Bell, Howard Smart, Pam Young, Frances Pyke, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Claudia Keele, Richard Stocker, Neil Elsby, Jen Russell, Suzanne Hassell, Matt Davidson, Carol Johnson, Alison Douglas, Roger Hughes, Sylvia Reid, Phil Linley, Julie Risely.

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2023 AGM

The Approval of the minutes was proposed by Kate McCall & seconded by Sue Orrell. The minutes were approved.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Catriona Irving advised that her name had been misspelt as Irvine in the 2023 minutes.

4 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Attached.

5 TEAM & COMPETITION TENNIS REPORT

Attached.

6 THE COACHING PROGRAMME & JUNIOR SECTION REPORT

Attached.

7 TO CONSIDER & IF THOUGHT FIT, APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO SEPTEMBER 30TH 2023

The Accounts were presented by Martin Bloor but prepared by our Accountants MAW. Melanie Sullivan queried the amount shown in VAT Control which seemed high & was a rebate. Martin Bloor was unable to explain this but agreed that he would query it with the Accountants with the help of Kate McCall who advised that it was not a matter in any event that would materially affect/change the Accounts which could still be approved.

Mark Peter wished to notify the members that £4,000 cash had been found in the safe behind the bar. This was pre-Covid money from 2019.

£3,500 (net of VAT) went on to the bottom line of the Club & this is an artificial boost. Important to realise this as one of the Bar Stewards performance measures will be takings & he shouldn't look £3,500 behind.

the approval of the Accounts was proposed by Debbie Peter & seconded by David Jones. The accounts were approved 25 in favour & 10 abstentions.

8 TO SET THE RATES OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE YEAR

These are to remain to same as for 2023 with a slight increase if paying by instalments.

Proposed by Rebecca Davidson & seconded by Willemien Van Der Hoeven.

Approved unanimously.

9 TO ELECT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE COMING YEAR

Mark Peter was elected new House Secretary proposed by Andrew Paton & seconded by Chris Keggins. All in favour.

Neil Elsby was elected new Senior Tennis Representative proposed by Kate McCall & seconded by Nicola Roberts. All in favour.

Annette Small was elected new Company Secretary proposed by Andrew Paton & seconded by Laura Myers. All in favour.

Paul Cooper was elected new Junior Secretary proposed by Laura Myers & seconded by Andrew Paton. All in favour.

the retiring members standing for re-election Ann Crowther (Membership Secretary), Sue Orrell (Grounds Secretary), Nicola Roberts (Social Secretary) & Tom Evans (Welfare & Safeguarding Officer) were proposed by Kate McCall & seconded by Barbara Bloor. All in favour.

Andrew Paton mentioned the major vacant positions. He suggested that with the new Bar Steward reporting to the House Secretary the Bar Secretary position may not need to be filled in future. As regards the Treasurer, all income & expenditure is now paid by the Accountants, MAW. Other than the membership income, which comes through Clubspark, everything else comes through the new POS system straight to the Accountants who can monitor all the different payment categories. The digital & IT advances making things much simpler and the

Accountants are not charging us any more in fees. That said, we do need a Treasurer & hopefully someone will step into the role.

Andrew Paton advised that he had asked several people who he believed had the right qualities if they would consider being President but they had all turned him down.

The Committee had a good combination of new ideas and Mark Peter & Tom Evans brought good skills to the Club with Sue Orrell & Annette Small having good knowledge of the Club. He hoped past Presidents will help with any 'Thank Yous' etc & we have Barbara Bloor as our LTA contact.

Melanie Sullivan asked who would deal with the renewal of the Coach's contract in the absence of a President & Treasurer. Andrew Paton advised this would become a Committee function. Melanie Sullivan also advised that the Code of Conduct would need changing as there would not be a President to approach. Annette Small stated that she had picked up on some of these anomalies & members would be advised who they could approach instead.

The AGM was declared closed.

The members were asked if they had any additional points that they would like to make:-

Catriona Irving - stated she was disappointed that such curt reference had been made about the contribution from Barbara Simons in the President's Report. She asserted that Barbara did not step aside, she was asked to stop. She had been on the Committee for 47 years. She needed to be thanked for being a great tenant & her role in running the children's parties (with all the cleaning up) needed acknowledging. 47 years of selflessly giving her time. We should formally write to her & more fulsomely thank her than she was this evening.

Judy Hughes - offered a huge 'Thank You' to the Committee for their work throughout the years & a huge 'Thank You' to Andrew Paton & to those leaving their posts & those people who have taken up the slack on what might be quite an onerous year.