

# VICTORIA PARK CLUB

## Minutes of Special General Meeting held on 30 March 2023

**Present:** Elizabeth Ambler, Liz Bell (Honorary Secretary), Owen & Joan Bennett, Don & Sarah Branton, David Brice, Gail Dixon-Smith, Alan & Ethel Grateley, Alistair Macintosh, Ed & Mary MacMullen, Cheryl Mitchell, Don Mitchell (Bridge Chair), Jo Riley, Sue Stott and Sue Williams.

### 1. Election of Chair of Meeting under Section 22.2 of the Club's Constitution

It was noted that, as the Club currently had no overall Chair, the Chair of the meeting had to be elected. Ed MacMullen proposed that Don Mitchell be elected Chair and this was seconded by Mary MacMullen.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Joan Bolden, Barry Flicker, Adrian Gaunt, Jo Hawkins, Matt Olczak, Nigel Parker, Chris Pennington and Ron Sambell.

### 3. Trustee Administration under Section 11.1 of the Constitution

Don Mitchell explained that the Club was required by the Constitution to have three Trustees registered on its Deeds. One registered Trustee was active, but two were unable to continue in their roles - Don Branton, who had been approved as a Trustee at a previous AGM, had recently advised that he would like to resign, and the other had died some years ago. Cheryl Mitchell had also been approved as a Trustee at the prior AGM and was happy to continue in this role. The Club was therefore required to withdraw Don Branton's earlier nomination and to approve a replacement. The following Motions were therefore put forward:

**Motion 1:** To reaffirm Cheryl Mitchell's nomination as a Club Trustee.

Proposed by Ed MacMullen and seconded by Sue Stott.  
All were in favour.

**Motion 2:** To withdraw Don Branton's nomination as recorded at the prior AGM, noting his decision not to proceed, but at the same time to thank him very much indeed for his contribution to the Club in many different roles over several years.

Proposed by Don Branton and David Brice and seconded by Alistair Macintosh.  
All were in favour.

**Motion 3:** To nominate Sue Stott as a Club Trustee.

Sue continued to contribute towards the running of the Club in many different ways. She had played a role on the Committee for many years, including eighteen years as Chair. She still actively ran the Ladies A team and helped with organising social tennis and other events. She would always have the Club's best interests at heart and was happy to be nominated as a Trustee.

Proposed by Don Mitchell and seconded by Don Branton.  
All were in favour.

Don Mitchell clarified what the role of a Trustee entailed. The Club was effectively owned by its members but the Land Registry required names on it for the property to be recorded. The Club therefore elected three Trustees to represent the interests of the general membership. The Trustees were registered as the legal owners of the Club and were required to act in its best interests and look after its financial interests, being consulted on any possible financial risk to the Club.

It was noted that the third Trustee was David Evennett who was an Honorary Life Member of the Club and a regular bridge player. He had asked for detailed financial information about the Club prior to each AGM and it was confirmed that all Trustees would receive this in the future.