

Annual General Meeting Minutes

16th November 2021 7pm

1 Committee Members Present - Jeanette, Paul B, Norman, Kim, Linda, Barbara, Hugh, Veronica, David.

2 Members Present – Joy, Denise, Ralph, Shirley, Pat, Ray, Ann, Elaine, Jim, Sue, Ashley, Terry, Alex, Mike, John

3 Apologies – Laurie, Maggie, Roger, Kate, Malcolm, Sue J, Gavin

4 Minutes of Previous Meeting on 25th November 2020 – the minutes were circulated before the meeting via email and available on the Clubs website – Agreed unanimously to be a true record.

5 Chair's Report – Jeannette

Jeanette welcomed everybody to the meeting. She also thanked all club members for their help and support during the 2021 season which had been challenging but very successful.

It was agreed by a show of hands that the reports for the meeting which are available on the website would not be read out.

6 Treasurer's Report – Kim

Kim reported that the club has just over £22k between its accounts in part reflecting the COVID grants received. In the year to 30th September 2021, if the COVID grant is excluded there was a loss of just under £1k. She thanked Sue J for baking during the year and Linda for plant sales raised over £500. The Ladies Day was a huge success and raising over £1k. Expenditure for the year included higher than expected mower costs and costs to repair a water leak and re-pipe to adjust water pressures in the toilet block. Kim emphasised that routine income does not cover expenditure and there is an ongoing need to fund raise and look at new fund-raising initiatives. Ann suggested the club should look for sponsors. Jeannette thanked Kim for her tenacity.

7 Green Report – Paul

Paul thanked all those that have helped maintain the green with regularly mowing and brushing as well as other activities on the green and surrounds. He also emphasised that fund raising is essential not least to support the project to improve the ditch edges.

8 Captain's Report – Paul

Paul thanked everybody for their support throughout the year.

9 Inclusion and Accessibility Report– Kim (for subcommittee)

Kim thanked those on the subcommittee and reported that the club was now able to cordon off an area in the car park for blue badge holders, a ramp is now available to access the green for those that need it. It is hoped that the club will have a junior section next year.

All of the reports were approved by the meeting.

10 Proposal regarding amendment to the constitution by adding a new clause regarding guests and temporary members.

The proposal (circulated by email and available on the website before the meeting) to add a new clause regarding arrangements for guests and temporary members was agreed unanimously.

11 Proposal regarding amendment to Club Rules regarding dress code

The proposal (circulated by email and available on the website before the meeting) to allow casual clothes to be worn at Thursday afternoon roll ups and club nights was agreed with one abstention.

12 Proposal regarding Subscriptions and Competition Fees

The proposal (circulated by email and available on the website before the meeting) regarding subscriptions and competition fees was agreed with one abstention.

13 Election of officers – Jeannette

Jeannette read out the nominations: Chair – Jeannette, Vice Chair – No Nominee, Secretary – Joy Glaysher, Fixtures Secretary – No Nominee, Treasurer – Kim Buggins, Captain – Paul Buggins, Vice-Captain – Ralph Sands, Welfare Officer – Barbara Ellison, Membership Secretary – Linda Wicks, Competition Secretary – No Nominee, Committee Members – Alex Kadinopolos, Norman Jones and Shirley Sands.

No objections were received, all nominees were elected.

14 Appointment of Auditor

Kim advised the meeting that she had found out that there is no requirement for an auditor to be appointed providing the accounts are reviewed by a competent person annually.

15 Any Other Business

Paul will be attending the Weald League AGM on the club's behalf and there is a proposal to reduce teams playing from 3 to 2 triples, which has been the format for 2021 due to covid. He asked for comments on this proposal so that he could take to the meeting the views of BBC. After some discussion the consensus was a team of 3 triples was the favoured format.

BCC has asked to join the Mermaid League; at present it is unsure if we will be able to join in 2022 we may have to wait until 2023.

Veronica asked if there was to be a Tractor fest in 2022. Jeannette said there are plans for one, but the venue and format will be different and the opportunity to fund raise at the event is not feasible.

Jeanette closed the meeting with a big Thank you to everybody and looking forward next year.

Meeting closed at 8.10

Post meeting notes

Paul has reported that the Weald League AGM passed a resolution to reduce each team to just two mixed triples (previously 3) per match]

David Bryant has agreed to be reinstated as Fixture Secretary, he was nominated by Norman Jones, seconded by Jim Oatway.

Denise Bennewith has asked to be on the committee, nominated by Joy Glaysher and seconded by Jeannette Oatway. She can be co-opted on to the committee at the next meeting.