



The Hungerford Club

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th November 2022 at 7pm in the Snooker Room, The Hungerford Club

These minutes are confidential until they have been approved by the committee.

Trustees: Micky Lambourn and Chris Ticehurst

Officers: Jennifer Bartter, Treasurer and Paul Ivinson, Secretary

Committee: Denis Brown (Acting Chairman), Chris Scorey, Graham Brown (Maintenance), Matt Bronson, Bruce Powell (Tennis)

Members: There were 28 members in attendance, including the above.

Welcome by Chairman

Denis Brown observed that we have now had a full trading year after the Covid-19 restrictions. The club is in a good financial position thanks to the efforts of the Steward, Debbie Hutchins, and her husband, Garry. There was a spontaneous round of applause in appreciation. Denis went on to note that Debbie had formed a darts team which has gone on to win two cups in the local leagues. The cups were on display for all to see.

Denis continued by noting that times are hard but we have the funds to re-roof and install solar panels on the main building.

The end of the year is typically a slack season but it looks as though we can trade through to the spring.

Denis finished by proposing that life time membership should be given to John Conn and Roger Sandford. John, of course, is our President and celebrated his 95 birthday recently. Rodger will be 90 this month and has been a Club member for 52 years. He served on the tennis committee and was instrumental in the introduction of hard courts at the Club. There were no objections.

Remembrance of Members Deceased

All members stood for a few moments silence in remembrance of Trevor Morgan, Terry Gault, Alan Dawson and Ian Tucker who passed away in the last year.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from John Conn (President), Chris Dodd and Colin Currill (Indoor Sports).

Minutes of the previous A.G.M. as circulated.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions about the minutes of last year's A.G.M. There were no comments.

Matters arising (from the minutes, not otherwise covered by the agenda.)

Jason Bellman: Asked about the continued use of the garden area following the felling of some of the ash trees.

Denis Brown: Informed members that ash died back had been found and the club had to fell the affected trees. Also, recently, that the copper beech tree has been found to have fungal infection which needs urgent attention. Therefore the area is out of use due to the amount of cut timber still on the site. He noted that a letter had been received from Julie and Brian Norman with the same question.

There has been no decision on the continued use of the area. The committee meeting to be held on 8th December will discuss.

Jason Bellman: It is a sad reality but there was no choice. Can people attend the committee meeting?

Denis Brown: No. The garden area has never been a topic and the committee should be allowed to discuss.

Jason Bellman: I'm happy to put together a work party to look after the area.

The approval of the minutes proposed by Graham Brown and seconded by Rhian Barnett. There was a show of hands and all were in favour. There was no vote against.

Treasurer's Report as circulated

The treasurer referred members to the notes in the financial statement which has already been circulated to members.

Rhian Barnett: Noticed that in the tennis section of the accounts there is a large item covering "rates and electricity". Should this be split with the Bowls section?

Jennifer Bartter: There is an agreement where by the electricity for the pavilion and flood lights is covered by the tennis section and the Bowls section covers the business and water rates.

Rhian Barnett: Converting the flood lights to LED technology is a priority.

Alex Jinivizian: There's an L.T.A subsidy.

Alex Jinivizian: Are the Indoor Sports fees separate?

Jennifer Bartter: As part of the CASC registration we re-organised the accounts. Each section's fees go to their section. Part of the tennis and bowls fees are for Indoor Sports.

Approval of the annual accounts was proposed by Matt Bronson and seconded by Ian Hart. There was a show of hands and all were in favour. There was no vote against. Accounts approved.

Subscriptions 2023

Paul Ivinson: At the last committee meeting it was decided that the Indoor Sports section fees would be frozen for next year. The Bowls section decided, at their A.G.M., to increase their fees by £3.00 per person meaning the rise would be £6.00 for a couple.

At their A.G.M. the Tennis section did not agree a rise in the fees so these are presumably frozen for next year.

Caroline Walker: I have to disagree to the freezing of the tennis section fees.

Denis Brown: There's is still time to review the fees.

Bruce Powell: At the next Tennis section committee meeting a letter will be composed to go out to all members of the section asking that they donate to tennis section projects. These donations can then be taken to The Good Exchange for matching funding.

Rhian Barnett: There's only one club. Why does the committee not decide all fees?

Chris Scorey: Several years ago this was the case but the sections wished to set their own fees.

Jennifer Bartter: Please note that all fees are paid into one bank account.

Peter Harries: Should we not have the section A.G.M. after the club A.G.M.?

Chris Scorey: The sections decide their own A.G.M. dates so they can do this.

Denis Brown: This will be a topic at the next committee meeting.

Section Reports: all as circulated.

The reports have already been circulated. There were no questions.

Election of Officers

The Secretary reported as follows.

Trustees: Chris Ticehurst and Micky Lambourn have completed two years of a three year term as trustees. We can have up to four trustees so there are two vacancies but nobody has come forward. There is no need for a vote.

Elected Officers. All retire after one year.

Jennifer Bartter has served for a year as the treasurer and has offered herself for re-election. Proposed by Denis Brown and seconded by Chris Dodd.

Paul Ivinson has served for a year as secretary and offers himself for re-election. Proposed by Chris Dodd and seconded by Chris Ticehurst.

Committee: Graham Brown, Collin Currill, Chris Dodd and Chris Scorey have all served one year of a two year term.

Denis Brown has served two years and has offered himself for re-election. Proposed by Paul Ivinson and seconded by Chris Dodd.

During the last year Matt Bronson was co-opted to the committee and retires automatically. He has offered to stand for election.

Proposed by Paul Ivinson and seconded by Denis Brown.

Since none of the positions are contested there's no need for individual votes. The meeting was asked to approve all nominations by a show of hands. All in favour, no votes against. All nominees elected.

Any other Business

Denis Brown informed members that Jennifer Bartter recently had been granted the Freedom of the Town for her work as the Bowls Club membership secretary for a number of years and she is heavily involved with community support organisations. Notably she started and runs Hungerford Food Bank.

There was a standing ovation for Jennifer.

Rhian Barnett: Should we have a new EPOS system? This would help us manage membership since it could all be done through the new till.

Peter Harries: Membership needs to be managed by a membership secretary. Over the bar does not work.

Vic Lardner: Membership administration used to be the responsibility of the Secretary.

Denis Brown: We have a membership secretary. It's Chris Hook but he's not present this evening.

Denis Brown closed the topic by saying that the committee would look into this suggestion.

John Conn was re-elected President by a show of hands.

Denis Brown called the meeting to a close.