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Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Thursday, 20th February 2025 – Concert Room 8pm

Dennis Patterson (DP), Chair thanked all members for attending the AGM Meeting and introduced Andrew, from Andrew Phillips & Co, our Club Accountants and Auditors to the meeting.

DP reminded the meeting that the previous minutes had been displayed for two weeks following the 2024 AGM meeting for attending members to check and make any observations – none had been received. DP then read the Minutes of the last Meeting – minutes were accepted. Proposed by Tommy Brechany and Seconded by Brenda Brechany.

Review of 2024 – Key items and Committee Focus Areas

- Settlement of the Storm Damage Insurance Claim which followed the Concert Room reopening in March 2024. Total received £113,000 - £98,000 released into YE 30/11/24, £15,000 held for Garden Project in 2025. See Statement of Accounts Summary for detail.
- How to Attract New Members and Increase Till Takings
Focus on making the Club look good inside and out. First impressions and maintaining high standards for our current members are important and will set us apart from other pubs / clubs. Event Days – we will continue to evolve what has worked and try different things. It is acknowledged not everything has worked and where needed, the appropriate changes will be made to future events. However, it is important Members continue to support these efforts – feedback is always welcome. DP, recognised Mick Stewart who leads the efforts on this for the Committee. The Committee had hand delivered 2,500 two page leaflet flyers promoting the Club to houses in the estates nearest to the Club.
All of the above has helped achieve 300 new members and increase till takings by 24.4% in our financial year ending 30th November 2024. New memberships are also continuing at an average of 5+ per week.
- DP recognised Brian, Debbie and the Bar Staff Team. In 12 months the cost of our Club Staff has increased by £10,000 which is less than the oncost of the last Living Wage increase. This means the team have supported an increase of 24.4% more business on no real additional hours.
- Club Committee. The Committee has also evolved and changed the way it works and communicates. It has moved from weekly meetings to monthly meetings and implemented changes using the skills and experience now within the Committee. This has resulted in an annual savings for Committee Costs of £7,500 and Accountancy savings of £2,000.

Statement of Accounts Summary ended 30th November 2024

DP presented to meeting – see detail included with Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 30th November 2024. The Club is now in a very healthy and stable financial position with a real, and representative **Operating Trading Surplus of £8,782** for YE 30th November 2024.

Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the Year Ending 30th November 2024.

Andew presented the accounts to the meeting confirming the healthy position the club is now in and the Operating Trading Surplus - £8,782. (Surplus from Insurance settlement £25,673). The increase in till takings of £76,000 was the most significant factor in the accounts which was a reflection of the efforts being made by the club. Interest from investments, which was identified previously had increased by £6,000. Only negative – increase in Satellite TV costs of £3,300 due to a change in the Clubs Ratable Value (RV) which Sky / TNT use for costing. However, the Club do have a pending RV challenge which could reduce this in future years.

Dennis Patterson asked the meeting for consent for The Committee to appoint 3 Scrutineers plus a Returning Officer, in accordance with Rule 20 if required in any election process post the Annual General Meeting. Proposed by Tommy Brechany and Seconded by Brenda Brechany.

Any Other Business (AOB) – None

Meeting closed at 8.42pm.

To be displayed on the main Club Notice Board – Monday, 3rd March 2025 for three weeks until the 23rd March 2025. Members who attended the AGM should direct any observations to the Club Secretary in writing. After this the minutes will be taken to be approved and published on the Club Website.

**Dennis Patterson
Club Secretary
27th February 2025**