

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SYSTON BOWLING CLUB
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE, SYSTON, ON
MONDAY 21ST MARCH 2011 STARTING AT 7.00 P.M.**

Present: *Margaret Abbott* - Director
 Roger Bentley - Director
 Chris Biddles – Director
 Marjorie Clowes – Director
 George Dodge - Director
 Colin Grimes – Chairman
 Anita Lowder – Director
 Rolf Meyer - Director
 Pete Murray - Director

together with **53** voting Members together with *Adam Longley*, auditor and *Chris Mews*, greenkeeping contractor.

Apologies for absence were recorded from *Brian Adams*, *Mike Foster*, *Mick Hall*, *Rob Harrison*, *Gary Jones*, *Sheila Parker*, *Eldon Sandys* and *Barbara Wheatley*,

AGM11.01 IN MEMORIAM

The Chairman led a silent tribute to *Ken Carter* and *Chris Robinson*, former Members, who had died since the previous **AGM**.

AGM11.02 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Chairman, *Colin Grimes*, presented the report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 2010. (*Copy filed in Minute Book*). In the absence of any questions, Proposed by *Gordon Pell*, Seconded by *George Stone*, the Report was **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**.

AGM11.03 ACCOUNTS

Adam Longley presented an overview of the Profit & Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the financial year ended 31st December 2010. (*Copy filed in the Minute Book*). Proposed by *Roy Hill* and Seconded by *Alan Stafford*, the Annual Audited Accounts were **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**.

AGM11.04 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The re-appointment of Adam Longley Accountants Limited as Auditors for the year ending 31st December 2011, at rates to be agreed by the Board, was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** and thanks were offered for their work during 2010.

AGM11.05 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The meeting formally **CONFIRMED** the election, *en bloc*, of the 9 nominees for the posts of Director to serve for a period of one year to the close of the next Annual General Meeting, as follows:
Chairman: *Colin Grimes*; Administrative Secretary: *Val Foreman*; Finance Director: *Rolf Meyer*; Bar Director: *Pete Murray*; Green Ranger: *Roger Bentley*; Premises Director: *George Dodge*; Social Programme Director: *Anita Lowder*; Facilities Director: *Marjorie Clowes*; Regulatory Compliance Director: *Kate Toon*
The Chairman congratulated all those appointed and thanked the membership for their vote of confidence in the Board.

AGM10.06 OPEN FORUM

Members were invited to raise any matter of interest or concern to assist the Board of Directors in ensuring that they were responsive to the needs and interests of the full membership.

- (a) **Rink Markers** – **Roy Hill** showed the new rink markers which he had arranged to be manufactured in preparation for the new Season and explained the need for careful handling.
- (b) **Perimeter hedging** - **Noel Evatt** drew attention to damage to the perimeter hedging – especially on the St Peters Street side of the green. Chairman, **Colin Grimes**, undertook to raise the matter with the Town Council who retained responsibility for hedge maintenance under the terms of the Lease.
- (c) **Green maintenance** – Contractor, **Chris Mews**, was welcomed to the meeting and invited to make a statement to the membership on progress with green maintenance. He expressed the view that Members would be pleased with the improvement in the playing surface achieved over the past year and was confident that, given a few days of reasonable temperatures and frost-free overnight conditions, most of the residual bare patches currently to be seen, would be covered. As a last resort, he confirmed that re-turfing of any areas that had not recovered would be undertaken. He also confirmed that he had agreed with the Board that watering agent would be applied at the appropriate time.

Colin Wilkinson sought and was given assurances that the Board were actively engaged in ensuring the full effectiveness of the sprinkler system which, in its present condition, was proving inadequate.

In reply to a question from **George Stone**, the Chairman confirmed that the Board was currently considering an offer from the Town Council for the Club to purchase a lawn mower and other redundant greenkeeping equipment for £500. If the purchase was to be approved, storage of the equipment would present a problem which would need to be discussed with the Council. **Chris Mews** confirmed great benefit was likely to be derived from a third weekly cut of the green and confirmed that he would be willing to offer guidance to Members on use of the mower, if it were to be brought into service. Green Ranger, **Roger Bentley**, stressed that the purchase of the mower would involve an appeal to Members to volunteer to assist with the regular additional weekly mowing.

At the close of discussions, a unanimous and warm vote of thanks was expressed to **Chris Mews** and **Roger Bentley** for all their hard work on behalf of the Club to improve the condition of the green.

- (d) Premises Director, **George Dodge**, gave a brief update on current discussions about the possible extension of Men’s changing room facilities by extending the existing room into the store. On behalf of the Board, he undertook to look into the possibilities of installing a secure storage unit on the land adjacent to the eastern end of the clubhouse which had already been earmarked for a possible extension to changing room facilities.
- (e) The Chairman confirmed that the Club had been awarded a maximum 5 star rating for Food Hygiene by the Charnwood Borough Council and congratulated everyone involved.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m..

Signed:
Chairman

Date: