

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SYSTON BOWLING CLUB  
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE, SYSTON, ON  
MONDAY 12TH MARCH 2012 STARTING AT 7.00 P.M.**

**Present:**        *Roger Bentley* - Director  
                  *Marjorie Clowes* – Director  
                  *George Dodge* – Director  
                  *Val Foreman* - Director  
                  *Colin Grimes* – Chairman  
                  *Anita Lowder* – Director  
                  *Rolf Meyer* - Director  
                  *Pete Murray* – Director  
                  *Kate Toon* – Director.

Together with **54** voting Members and *Adam Longley*, auditor

**Apologies for absence** were recorded from *Sue Barnett, Rob Barnett, Chris Biddles, Ray Dexter, Margaret Dexter, Gary Jones, Rob Wilbourn, Janice Wilbourn, Kate Williams and John Woodward.*

**AGM12.01      IN MEMORIAM**

The Chairman led a silent tribute to *Brian Adams, Kath Baum and Kath Wholton*, former Members, who had died since the previous AGM.

**AGM12.02      REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Chairman, *Colin Grimes*, presented the report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011. (*Copy filed in Minute Book*). In the absence of any questions, Proposed by *Gordon Pell*, Seconded by *Sheila Parker*, the Report was **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.**

**AGM12.03      ACCOUNTS**

*Adam Longley* presented an overview of the Profit & Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011. (*Copy filed in the Minute Book*).

Proposed by *Gary Kilbourne* and Seconded by *Margaret Abbott*, the Annual Audited Accounts were **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.**

**AGM12.04      APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

The re-appointment of Adam Longley Accountants Limited as Auditors for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012, at rates to be agreed by the Board, was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** and thanks were offered for their work during 2011.

**AGM12.05      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, proposed by *Ken Renshaw* and seconded by *Colin Wilkinson*, as follows:

Chairman: *Colin Grimes*; Administrative Director: *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.

## AGM12.06 OPEN FORUM

- a) **Colin Grimes** expressed his concern regarding the financial situation, as the reserves are only £3,000, and the annual subscription of £90 set for 2012 is not really sufficient to cover the costs of running the club. Fortunately, **Rolf** expects an extra £2,000 to be available this year, based on a membership of 85, giving £850 more in subs than last year, plus a saving of £1,150 from the Green Machine no longer charging VAT. Even so, **Colin** believes it is essential to look at additional ways of funding the club through the members. He pointed out the board can only set the subscriptions, anything else has to be agreed by the sections, and a factor to be considered is that the ladies play less games, as well as having to pay for coach hire.

**Roy Hill** thought it a good idea to look into the matter of future funding now. He mentioned that subscriptions for the indoor bowling at Melton had not changed for some years but green fees were increased regularly. This related to **Des Eggitt's** suggestion that the men only should pay a green fee of £1 for every match played, including all competitions and roll ups.

In a response to a query from **Barbara**, **Des** said the ladies should not pay even in mixed games.

**Mark Newman** and **Gordon Pell** accepted there should be a charge of this sort, excluding the ladies, although **Gordon** thought 25p might be more appropriate.

**Kate Toon** and **Doreen Payne** were doubtful about a fee of £1 because it would mean the men paying an extra £30-£40 each, a lot in addition to the subscriptions.

**Doreen Payne** said the club had not always supported charities and a way of increasing funds would be to stop doing so, perhaps for 2 years, with the decision to be taken by the club, rather than being left to the presidents of the sections.

The idea of suspending the giving to charities for a time, after this year, was well received. **Gordon Pell** said Birstall had taken such a decision for 2012, and **Colin Wilkinson** added that some men were reluctant to take the office of president because of the work needed to raise money. On the other hand **Stan Page** wondered whether people would go to the social events as much without the charity aspect.

Another suggestion, by **Mike Foster** was that any male member not willing to help with teas should pay an extra £10. **Gary Kilbourne** thought this OK, although a lack of volunteers could make it difficult to continue with the teas.

Finally, **Colin Grimes** stated that the current subscription rate is very competitive with other clubs, and his opinion is definitely that there ought to be a differential between the fees paid by the men and ladies.

Both sections will consider the whole issue and work on proposals for next year.

- b) In response to questions from **Alan Ward** and **Gordon Pell** about parking, **Colin Grimes** explained that the club's formal application to Syston Town Council had been rejected. A further meeting will be arranged with **Allan Clark** to consider an appeal. Every avenue is being considered.

It is still possible the former Youth Project cabin could become available, if an arrangement can be made with Syston Band. The building has been offered by the Council, on a lease, to the band, because it has a Youth section which falls within current planning approval arrangements.

- c) **Future policy** – *Colin Grimes* stated that potential new members are allowed to visit the club and have roll ups and coaching before subscriptions are required. He also suggested that both Sections should consider ways to help working members who can only play at weekends; we need to be more flexible.
- d) *Hazel Rayns* queried if the men had decided about coloured shirts; *Pete Murray* answered that this was on going.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date: .....