

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SYSTON BOWLING CLUB
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE, SYSTON, ON
MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2015 STARTING AT 7.00 P.M.**

Present:

George Dodge - Director
Val Foreman - Director
Colin Grimes – Chairman
Rolf Meyer – Director
Pete Murray - Director
Pauline Wright - Director

Together with 53 voting Members and *Adam Longley*, auditor

Apologies for absence were recorded from *Margaret Abbott, Barbara Brown, Marjorie Clowes, Allan Disney, Michael Hall, Roy Hill, Gary Jones, Hazel Rayns and Bev Wright.*

AGM15.01 IN MEMORIAM

The Chairman led a silent tribute to *Tony Hunt, Anita Lowder, Ron Morris, Tom Morris, Margaret Porter, Len Smith, Betty Wheatley and Violet Whittaker*, former Members, who had died since the previous AGM.

AGM15.02 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Chairman, *Colin Grimes*, presented the report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 2014. (*Copy filed in Minute Book*). In the absence of any questions, proposed by *Gary Kilbourne*, seconded by *Colin Wilkinson*, the report was **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**.

AGM15.03 ACCOUNTS

Adam Longley presented an overview of the Profit & Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the financial year ended 31st December 2014. (*Copy filed in the Minute Book*).

Chris Biddles queried the big increase in the cost of rates and water, light and heat, and advertising from the previous year.

Rolf replied that the direct debit set up for the new fuel contract, starting in 2013/14, had been too low, resulting in substantial arrears, and it had been necessary to double the amount paid. Also the club had used more gas because the men had switched to having hot meals, instead of salad or cobs. Regarding water, more had been used on the green last year, in order to keep it in better condition.

Colin explained that the increase in advertising and marketing costs related to the new extension and some of the expenditure will be offset by increased income from company patrons.

Proposed by *Kate Toon* and seconded by *Eric Hall*, the Annual Audited Accounts were **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**.

AGM15.04 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The re-appointment of Adam Longley Accountants Limited as Auditors for the year ending 31st December 2015, was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** and thanks were offered for their work during 2014.

Adam has agreed to continue to be a Patron of the club and so will not be charging for his company's services in this financial year.

AGM15.05 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Sadly, *Roger* has resigned as Green Ranger; *Colin* expressed the Board's thanks to *Roger*, for all the work he has done over the years. *Rod Heggs* has agreed to take the position, on the understanding that he will receive the support of all the members in his duties.

Janet Lowe has volunteered to be Regulatory Compliance Director and *George* has agreed to become chairman.

The meeting formally **CONFIRMED** the unopposed election 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: *George Dodge*; Administrative Director: *Val Foreman*; Finance Director: *Rolf Meyer*; Bar Director: *Pete Murray*; Green Ranger: *Rod Heggs*; Premises Director: *George Dodge*; PRO Membership Development Director: *Colin Grimes*; Social Programme Director: *Pauline Wright*; Facilities Director: *Marjorie Clowes*; Regulatory Compliance Director: *Janet Lowe*.

The Chairman congratulated all those appointed and thanked the membership for their vote of confidence in the Board.

AGM15.06 MEN'S CATERING ARRANGEMENTS

Ken Renshaw invited all the members to discuss the timing of the men's teas, as to whether to have them halfway or at the end of games.

Eric Hall and *Stan Page* both said that to have tea halfway would help members who struggle to play 21 ends without a break.

Colin Wilkinson said the advantage at the end of games would be that members would have drinks at the bar instead of cups of tea, increasing the club's income. Generally, he thought we should keep it simple by just having cobs at the end.

Kate Williams said the ladies are happy to help the men with their teas and do the shopping, but would prefer halfway as it makes it a long day otherwise. Also it has to be decided whether to have hot or cold meals.

Pete commented that there would be no need for the men to have a catering manager if the members on tea duty did the shopping.

A consensus of opinion, about having teas at the halfway point of games, was taken by a show of hands. All were in favour, with one exception.

The question of hot or cold meals will be discussed at the men's management meeting.

AGM15.07 OPEN FORUM

a) *Stan Page* requested that a list asking for volunteers to put the green to bed be placed in a more prominent position. *Colin* replied that all notices will be on the main notice board in the new extension.

b) Referring to members who have passed on, *Doreen Payne* felt there had not been enough appreciation of *Anita's* contribution to the club. *Colin* replied that the men have decided to name the mixed pairs trophy the *Anita Lowder Trophy*, in her memory.

Kate Williams said that *Anita's* family has indicated a wish for the club to have a bench bearing her name. *John Lamble* to make further inquiries.

c) *Janice* congratulated *Ken* and his wife *Hazel* for providing the club's lovely Sunday lunch last week; but the cooker is a big problem, being 30yrs old, and

needs replacing. **Ken** thinks there may also be a problem with the gas pressure. **George** replied that the board are looking at getting a replacement for the cooker, as well as for the dish washer and the boiler.

Gary Kilbourne suggested that a gas combi-boiler may be the answer.

- d) **Chris Biddles** said that the ladies are having difficulties entering the clubhouse because the door lock is stiff. The board will consider the matter but it will be very expensive to change the lock, as it will mean providing so many new keys.
- e) **Kate Toon** said parking may become even more of an issue as there is a proposal by the council to put double yellow lines in the Broadway. **Stan** suggested approaching nearby businesses to see if they will allow parking at their premises.
- f) **Kate Williams** reported several minor problems - the shutters are very stiff, there is a leak in the ladies' changing room under the sink and one of the toilets is not flushing properly.
- g) **Ken** asked when the lockers will be made available for use; **Colin** replied that the list of members wanting one would be taken down at the end of the next coffee morning and a decision made then.
- h) **Kate Toon** reminded everybody that the white table cloths are now on racks in the computer room.
- i) Finally, **Colin** said that this was his last AGM as chairman, and he felt it was time to hand over to his successor, **George Dodge**. **George** said a few words and thanked **Colin** for all his hard work. Despite being a man of few words, he claimed, **George** would do his very best to direct the running of the club.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....