

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SYSTON BOWLING CLUB  
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE, SYSTON, ON  
MONDAY 7TH MARCH 2016 STARTING AT 7.00 P.M.**

**Present:**

*George Dodge* - Chairman  
*Val Foreman* - Director  
*Rod Heggs* - Director  
*Janet Lowe* - Director  
*Maureen Page* - Director  
*Rolf Meyer* - Director  
*Pete Murray* - Director  
*Pauline Wright* - Director

Together with **37** voting Members.

**Apologies for absence** were recorded from *Margaret Abbott, Sheila Aindow, Trevor Allen, Chris Biddles, Roger Bentley, Barbara Brown, Colin Grimes, Pete Hancock, Jan Holmes, Adam Longley, and John Phillis*

**AGM16.01 IN MEMORIAM**

The Chairman led a silent tribute to *Alan Collins, Joe Evans, Jean Hemmings, Barbara Herbert, Peter Rawson* and *Margaret Webb*, former Members, who had died since the previous AGM.

**AGM16.02 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Chairman, *George Dodge*, presented the report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 (*Copy filed in Minute Book*). *George* urged all members to make use of the club's website. *George* also mentioned the Syston Green, which is heavily discounted by the club. Either an individual, man or lady, or a small committee is needed to take over the editorship from *Colin Grimes*, who has done the job for most of the last 10years. Members should think about it seriously, to enable the magazine to continue.

In the absence of any questions, it was proposed by *Tom Jordan*, seconded by *Rob Wilbourn*, that the report be accepted and it was **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**.

**AGM16.03 ACCOUNTS**

*Val* read out a statement received from *Adam Longley* presenting an overview of the Profit & Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. (*Copy filed in the Minute Book*).

*Colin Wilkinson* queried why the cost of certain expense items differed noticeably from 2014.

*Rolf* replied as follows: rates and water- The charge for water has varied because the club has had to pay 10% of the bill Syston Town Council receive from Severn Trent for Central Park. So it has not reflected the club's own usage, but that will change now that we have our own water meter.

Light and heating- The increase is largely due to having more social events. However, the fuel supplier has been changed to get a better deal.

Insurances and Licences- The cost of insurances is higher because of the extension. Regarding licences, the PRS fee for live music was not paid in 2014 and so 2015 includes the cost of 2 years, plus there was more live music in 2015.

Cleaning: - This is also due to the extension, which involves considerable extra work.

Sundries: - *Adam* has decided to include costs which actually relate to repairs, renewal and maintenance.

Proposed by *Gary Kilbourne* and seconded by *Colin Wilkinson*, the Annual Audited Accounts were **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**.

#### **AGM16.04 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

The re-appointment of Adam Longley Associates as Auditors for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016, was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** and thanks were offered for the work done during 2015.

*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.

#### **AGM16.05 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

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: *Maureen Page*; Regulatory Compliance Director: *Janet Lowe*.

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

#### **AGM16.07 OPEN FORUM**

- a) *Kate Toon* requested that members make sure all waste bins are emptied after every function, especially bins with food in, so that health and safety requirements are met. A notice to this effect needs to be displayed. The cleaners should be made aware of the importance of checking the bins.
- b) *Stan Page* asked about an article in the Syston Green regarding the possible use of the club by the U3A to form its own bowling group; *George* confirmed that this would not happen and that the clubhouse would not be available to the U3A after March 31<sup>st</sup>
- c) *Roy Hill* said that social members who have a roll-up must sign in.
- d) Several members asked questions about social membership, and roll-ups. There was some concern about an increase in social members. However, *George* pointed out that they all pay a £10 annual fee, plus £3.50 for each roll-up, and can only gain admittance to the clubhouse when accompanied by a full member. This seems a good arrangement, and there is also the possibility of some becoming full members in the future.
- e) *Pauline Wright* said that the increase in the state retirement age for ladies to 66 is making it difficult to find players for afternoon matches. Therefore, the county may need to consider switching more to evening and weekend competitions.

- f) **Rod** asked for members to help work on the surrounds of the green on 17<sup>th</sup> March. He also said that all rinks must be used, especially rink 2. It was proposed by **Kate** and seconded by **Dave Anderton** that all games should be played in the direction and colour that is displayed on the board by the green ranger. This was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed.....Chairman      Date.....