

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SYSTON BOWLING CLUB
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE, SYSTON, ON
MONDAY 5TH MARCH 2018 STARTING AT 7.00 P.M.**

Present:

George Dodge - Chairman
Miles Clare - Director
Val Foreman - Director
Colin Grimes - Director
Stan Page - Director
Gary Kilbourne - Director
Rolf Meyer - Director
Pete Murray - Director
Janet Russell - Director
Rob Wilbourne - Director

Together with *Adam Longley* accountant and **43** voting Members.

Apologies for absence were recorded from *Margaret Abbott, Linda Brown, Roger Bentley, Beryl Gent, Ann Gale, Marion Hegginson, Gary Jones, John Lamble, Edna Loder, Doreen Payne, John Phillis, Hazel Rayns, Alan Ward, Jean Ward, John Woodward and Bev Wright.*

AGM18.01 IN MEMORIAM

The Chairman led a silent tribute to *Mick Hughes*, and *Ian Oxman*, former Members, who have died since the previous AGM,

AGM18.02 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Chairman, *George Dodge*, presented the report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 2017 (*Copy filed in Minute Book*). In the absence of any questions, it was proposed by *Colin Grimes*, seconded by *Ken Renshaw*, that the report be accepted and it was **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**.

AGM18.03 ACCOUNTS

Adam Longley, presented an overview of the Profit & Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the financial year ended 31st December 2017. (*Copy filed in the Minute Book*).

Whilst *Adam* pointed out a reduction in revenue from social events and bar takings, plus a general increase in overheads, and a lower bank balance, he expressed satisfaction with the health of the balance sheet.

The substantial cost of maintaining and improving the green remains a significant factor in the accounts but *Rolf Meyer* said he is happy with it and all of the club's expenditure.

Proposed by *Gary Kilbourne* and seconded by *Maureen Page* the Annual Audited Accounts were **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**.

AGM18.04 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The appointment of *Adam Longley* Accountants Limited as the auditors for the year ending 31st December 2018, proposed by *Ken Renshaw* and seconded by *Jenny Dewick*, was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** and thanks were offered to *Adam* for the work done during 2017.

AGM18.05 LIFE MEMBER

The members unanimously approved the induction of *Don Creasey* as a Life Member for services to the club.

AGM18.06 OPEN FORUM

- a) There was considerable discussion about the revised catering arrangements. *Stan Page* said some members did not think it necessary to have full teas, particularly for Saturday matches, and *Maureen Page* added that not all visiting teams wanted them either. Regarding Saturdays, *Stan* also mentioned, that, although the price had increased, potatoes were no longer offered. *Kate Toon* replied that potatoes often remained uneaten and so it was a waste to provide them. Generally she pointed out that arrangements had to be changed because there were no longer enough members both willing and fit enough to do the catering duties regularly. Under the new procedure no one should need to be on duty more than twice throughout the season. *Kate Williams* commented that the issues had not been faced properly in the past and had been fudged in an effort to please everyone, which was not possible. *George* made a strong statement in favour of the full bowls tea, as an important part of the social side, and urged members to support the catering managers in the season ahead. *Martin Warner* and *Pauline Wright* agreed that the new approach must be given a chance to work. *Pete Murray* said most members did want full teas, but suggested consideration might be given to using outside caterers. *Roy Hill* thought the same. As an alternative, *Colin Wilkinson* mentioned paying someone to clear away after the meals, which is quite a big job. However, these ideas were rejected, partly because of the cost. *Kate Williams* confirmed that the tea rota will be available in the next 2 weeks. Anyone unavailable will be expected to find a replacement. It will not be acceptable to simply cross a name from the list.
- b) *Martin Warner* asked if copies of the minutes from meetings of the Management Committee and Board of Directors could be put on the notice board in order to keep members fully informed. This was agreed.
- c) *Gary* urged members to make use of the club coaches if they have any playing problems.
- d) *Sue Renshaw* has agreed to take over as editor of the Syston Green and members are urged to support *Sue* by sending her any relevant information and items of interest.
- e) *Rod Heggs* asked about the work being done on the green. *Myles* replied that everything will be completed ready for the start of the season, and *Dereck Renshaw* said all the information will be in the Syston Green.
- f) *Kate Williams* hoped that members would adapt well to the starting time of 2pm for games. If there are problems the matter will be reconsidered for the 2019 season.

- g) **George** informed the members that, with the assistance of **Miles** and **Ron Lilley**, who volunteered to help him, he has fitted new cupboards in the men's former changing room. He urged everybody to keep them tidy.
- h) Meet the President night is to be on March 16th the date when the payment of subscriptions is due.
- i) **Ken Renshaw** has entered a mixed triples team in the Wymeswold League which plays its games on Wednesday evenings. Priority will be given to members still in employment when the team is selected.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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