

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE RICHMOND PLACE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 7th JULY 2010.

PRESENT: Hon. Officers and Committee Members.
Members of 67 teams signed the register.

Prior to opening the meeting Mr Alistair Hunt – Tattibogoes, winners of the Charity Cup presented a cheque for £3000 to Mrs Ruth Denison who represented the Skittle League's nominated Charity – St Michaels Hospice.

The Chairman then welcomed all present and opened the meeting at 7.35pm.

ROLL CALL: 3 teams – Harry's Lads, St Austell, and Vaga failed to be represented. It was proposed and seconded that they be fined as per Rule 20. This was carried.

APPOINTMENT OF SCUTINEERS:

Mr M Davies (Busbars) and Mr R Cook (G W R S A "B") were proposed and seconded

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 1st July 2009 were agreed. It was proposed by Mr J Rosser (Beevers) and seconded by Mr I Mason (Bartonsham Farmers) that the minutes be signed as a true record. This motion was carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS AND AUDITORS REPORT:

Mr. A. Marchant outlined the contents of the accounts for the year 2009/2010. He reported that the income from charity events was a problem but overall the balance sheet presented a healthy picture. There being no questions it was proposed by Mr A Herbert (United Farmers) and seconded by Mr S Bedford (Vice President) that the report be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE FOR SEASON 2010/2011

Mr. J Martin reported that 70 teams had applied to join the league. From last season, Chucking Farmers had resigned during the season and Sundowners has not re-applied. A new team, Shipwrecks playing at the Herdsman has applied to join the league and were accepted unanimously.

The Secretary recommended that the format of the league should consist of 14 teams in each Division. 3 teams will be promoted to Division 1 with Sundowners who finished third in Division 2 dropping out. 4 teams will then be relegated from each division with the exception of Division 4 where One to Many will drop into Division 5 due to late application for membership. It was proposed by Mr L Fowler (Southend Travellers) and seconded by Mr N Payne (Lads Club Loyals) that the recommendation be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1. **Secretary:** Mr. J Martin was proposed by Mr S Haggett (Wellies) and seconded by Mr M Davies (Busbars) to continue as Secretary.
3. **Treasurer:** Mr A. Marchant was proposed by Mr M Oliver (Evans S C) and seconded by Mr M Davies (Busbars) to continue as Treasurer.
4. **Assistant Secretary:** Mr R. F. Jones was proposed by Mr I Mason (Bartonsham Farmers) and seconded by Mr J Rosser (Beevers) to continue as Assistant Secretary.

All proposals were carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr S Bedford and seconded by Mr D Scott (Woodpeckers) and carried unanimously that we remain with Phillips & Co as Auditors.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

It was not known whether Mr J Creswell (Wellies) was willing to stand again due to ill health but could be co-opted if necessary. Mr J Rosser (Beevers) has been nominated and was proposed by Mr M Davies (Busbars) and M Oliver (Evans). There being no other nominations he was elected to serve on Committee for the next three years.

NOMINATION OF CHARITY 2010/2011

The Secretary informed the meeting that there were no outstanding charity nominations and it had been proposed by Mr W T Jones (Kemps Crusaders) that Hereford Breathe Easy Group should be the nominated charity for the forthcoming season. The nomination of St Michaels Hospice was proposed by Mr I Mason (Bartonsham Farmers) and seconded by Mr A Collett (G W R S A "C"). A discussion then took place on whether to we could support both charities. The Chairman pointed out that it was up to members to make the decision. It was then proposed by Mr T Edwards (Bunch of Bankers) and seconded by Mr W T Jones (Kemps Crusaders) that we nominate both charities and this was carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- 1 (a) That the registration fee per team remains at £30.00.
This was carried unanimously.
- 1 (b) That the signing on fee per player remains at £2.50.
This was carried unanimously.
- 1 (c) That the registration fee per team for the Summer Cup remain at £5.00.
This was carried unanimously.
- 1 (d) That the signing on fee per player for the Summer Cup remains £1.00 per player
This was carried unanimously.
- 1 (e) That the singles/pairs entrance fees remains at 50p per player.
This was carried unanimously.
2. Motion submitted by United Farmers that the bye should be removed from Division 1 and the number be restored to 16 by relegating 3 teams only. This had been resolved by the Constitution of the League for Season 2010/2011.
3. Motion submitted by Strongbow that all teams participating in the Hereford and District Invitation League should use the same type of skittle pins and balls. A number of teams spoke out against this citing cost and the game becoming too serious.
With no one willing to propose the motion it failed.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.19pm.

Mr L C Walker (Chairman)