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## Members in attendance:

Peter D Owen (PO)	John Titterington	Teresa Eagles (TE)
Michael Eagles	Anne Sherwood	Bob Hoak
Dave Dean (DD)	Barry Purnell	John Wills
Stephanie Wood-Smith	Duncan Mills	Ian Reynolds (IR)
Kevin Nicholas	Dave Coley	Keith Casbeard (KC)
Tim Monk	Stacey Miles	Michele Canning (MiC)
Ian Wood-Smith (IWS)	Mark Canning	

Ian Wood-Smith chaired the meeting

Mark Canning Recorded the minutes in the absence of a secretary

IWS opened the meeting at 7:30pm

## 1 Apologies

Godfrey Miles

## 2 Approval of Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved. Proposed by KC, seconded by DD.

## 3 Matters arising from previous AGM Minutes

No matters were raised from the previous minutes.

## 4 Committee Report

A committee report was read by the treasurer (in the absence of a secretary), Michele Canning. Appendix A contains the full copy.

IWS led a vote of thanks in recognition for all the work done by the committee who all work on a voluntary basis.

## 5 Treasurer's report

A summary of the club accounts for 2024 was given by the treasurer, Michele Canning. Appendix B contains a copy of the summary given.

## 6 Committee Proposals

6.1 To set the membership subscription fees for 2026

The committee propose that 2025 membership fees are increased to £30 adult, £25

senior but that junior membership should remain at current price of £5.

IR asked why we were increasing the subscription fees given that footfall had appeared to decrease and would this not lead more people to not come into the club. The committee assured the meeting that we had considered this but felt that it was better to make smaller more frequent increases rather than having to make a larger increase if there was a problem.

Proposal carried by 14:6.

## **7 Election of Officers (President and Treasurer)**

Ian Wood-Smith was elected unopposed as President (vote 19 for, 1 against).  
Proposed by Ian King, seconded by Michael Cox.

Michele Canning was elected unopposed as Treasurer (vote 19 for, 1 against).  
Proposed by Michael Cox, seconded by Kevin Nicholas.

## **8 Election of Committee members**

The following committee members were elected unopposed:

Godfrey Miles, proposed by Rebecca Smith, seconded by Mark Canning.  
Duncan Mills, proposed by Michael Cox, seconded by Tony Virgo-Harris.  
Dave Coley, proposed by Michael Cox, seconded by Tony Virgo-Harris.  
Anne Sherwood, proposed by Michael Cox, seconded by Tony Virgo-Harris.  
Bobby Heal, proposed by Kevin Nicholas, seconded by Sean Smith.

All of the above are elected onto a three-year term.

## **9 AOB**

TE and PO asked if food and snacks were included in the regular stock-takes carried out. MiC confirmed that snacks were included but the food items were not.

IWS stated that he is working (pro-bono) on updating the rules of the club now we are no longer a member of the CIU. To appoint lawyers to do this for us would be very costly and therefore, as this is quite a lengthy piece of work, it will take time until we can hold a SGM to consider re-worded rules.

IWS Closed the meeting at 20:03

## Appendix A

### AGM Committee Report for 2024

#### Staffing:

Thank you to

- Stacey – Steward
- Nikki – Assistant steward (who took a short break from assistant stewardship but returned)
- And our part-time staff including Katy, Nigel, Rosie, Zoe, Sian, Henry, Ted, Tom and Mark

For all their hard work and stepping up when needed.

#### Club running/results–

- sound but .... footfall is down is this due to the Economic environment or change to what members want? Entertainments have not been well attended!

**Improvements** – new cooler in cellar, On going ladies toilets, plans are forming and the new sound system is expected soon

#### Membership

- Similar to 2023 at 660 members at end of year

#### Committee:

- Leavers – thanks to:
  - Bernie – secretary plus other roles filled as needed had done HR, membership secretary and always able to help out.
  - Pam Soley – entertainments secretary, Bingo caller and larger than life member of club and committee – much missed
    - Awarded life membership and celebrated her dedication and time(?) recently.
  - Sarah McAdden resigned for personal reasons
- Joiners – welcome to:
  - Anne Sherwood – taken over entertainments from Pam and hit the ground running.
  - Dave Coley – re-joiner, great to have so much knowledge about the club and the area
- Special mention – Kevin who is our longest serving member of the committee, chairs our meetings and manages to find time to complete the majority of the maintenance of the building.
- **BUT – we need a secretary!**

#### Business:

Business is sound –there are no problems regarding the operation of the club but:

- Footfall is down
- Could be the economic climate or changing needs
- Need to increase prizes to cover increasing costs of running club

## **Entertainments**

- Every 3 to 4 weeks including:
  - Race night, darts competition, quiz night; games night
  - Music: Singers, bands and karaoke
  - Children's entertainer at Christmas
- Teams in leagues for snooker, pool cribbage and re-introduced in 2024 darts

## **Charity**

- South Central Ambulance – raised £640 throughout the year, including Boxing Day raffle
- Breast Cancer - £148 (from Darts competition)
- Katie Purnell – used the club as a base to “Brave the Shave” raising £1400 for MacMillan

## **Appendix B**

### **2024 AGM Commentary**

#### **Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

The 2024 Financial Statements have been prepared by Mortimer Burnett and there are copies distributed around the room. I would ask that these are returned at the end of the meeting.

The summary Profit and Loss is set out on page 2 and a more detailed version on the appended pages at the back.

Turnover from bar sales was almost £228,700 in 2024, an decrease of just over £23,000 on 2023.

Gross profit from bar sales was £125,300 down by £16,300 and was 55% of sales compared to 56% of sales in 2023. The gross profit margin of 55% is consistent with previous years (excepting COVID years).

Other operating income totalled almost £76,000 in 2024 which is almost identical to the other operating profit received in 2023.

There are two primary sources of other operating income and for both years' the figures have little change.:

1. Fruit machine revenues; and
2. Subscriptions from members.

Administrative expenses for the year totalled approximately £184,000 versus £175,000 for 2023. This is an increase of £9,000 (or 5%).

Breaking down the administrative expenses into its component parts, the following should be noted:

- Wages and salaries increased by 4% to £93,000 due to a rise in minimum wage rate.
- Games and entertainment costs are relatively unchanged this year at £37,500. It is made of three main components:
  1. Machine rentals figure – (profit share) of £22,000.
  2. Entertainment costs of £7,000. This is for the functions held in the club.
  3. Sky/BT costs of £7,500 for the sports channels

The club has posted a Profit of £17,300. The main components of this are the income from the gaming machines and the subscriptions received from members.

If you turn to the Balance sheet on page 3, the main point to highlight is an increase in the cash and bank position over the year, which considering the profit, is what you would expect. The year-end balance of £196,700, included £185,000 held at TSB and £11,700 in outstanding credit card receipts and unreimbursed lotto and machine game tickets.

That concludes my financial review. I will, of course, be happy to answer any questions.