

Minutes of 8th Annual General Meeting

held at Northall Village Hall on Friday 9th November 2007 at 7.30pm.

1) **Present** : Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and 31 other members and their guests. The Chair, Margaret Brown, welcomed all present to the meeting especially the guests of members. She was pleased that Elaine Newman would be attending the Party. She thanked the McCaffertys for their kind donation and reported that Peter Davis had much appreciated all the good wishes he had received after his recent operation.

2) **Apologies** : Bryan & Joan Ferris, John & Erica Fogg, George & Margaret Lawson, Irene Davis. Guests invited by the Committee but unable to attend were Marjorie Cliffe, Linda Carter, John Connew and Howard Bottomley. Diana Phelps was thanked for acquiring a shrub for Marjorie as a token of appreciation for her services as auditor.

3) **Minutes** of the AGM held on 10th November 2006 had been circulated, and these were approved and signed. Matters arising:

- 1) Under paragraphs 8(a) & (b), the Committee had decided that the Objects Clause required amendment but nothing further.
- 2) After enquiries, the Committee had decided not to pursue the purchase of an indoor mat.

4) **Adoption of Reports of the Officers** : Reports by the Chair and Secretary had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chair had nothing to add to her report but the Secretary, Richard Keighley, submitted a supplementary report:

- a) A full day coaching course was to be held at Wrest Park on 12th April 2008.
- b) Linda Carter, as Deputy Town Clerk, had written to say fencing had now been ordered and that the levelling of the 3rd lawn should take place within the next month.
- c) Sue Cross had analysed the season's attendance records, which supported the case for a 3rd lawn.
- d) The Club had taken part in the Living History Day. Over 60 people had played.

The Treasurer, Len Buckingham, presented audited accounts for the period to 31 October 2007. (See attached). The closing balance was £2214, and the meeting gave authority for £1000 to be spent on the lawns, if required. Len's neighbour was kindly making 6 score stands free of charge, but it was agreed to offer him and his wife free membership of the Club next season.

The approval of the Reports and Accounts was proposed by Tom Miller, seconded by Audrey Bunn and approved by the meeting.

5) **Auditor**. Marjorie Cliffe was thanked in her absence for auditing the accounts and she had kindly agreed to be re-appointed for 2007/8 (Proposer: Len Buckingham, Seconder: Tony Stammers)

6) **Election of Officers and Members of General Committee.**

a) **Chairperson** : Margaret Brown had been nominated by Sally Clay and seconded by Yvonne Banks. She was duly re-elected.

b) **Secretary** : No nominations had been received and the post was vacant,(but after the meeting Roger Stroud kindly volunteered his services.)

c) **Treasurer** : Len Buckingham (proposed by Diana Phelps and seconded by Yvonne Banks was also duly re-elected.

d) **General Committee** : It was proposed by Sally Clay and seconded by Yvonne Banks that the following existing members of Committee, namely:

John Cundell, Val Jeffers, Tony Stammers & Tony Wells, should all be re-elected en bloc. Bryan Ferris was proposed by Tony Stammers and seconded by John Cundell. Irene Davis was proposed by Margaret Brown and seconded by Len Buckingham. All 6 were duly elected.

The Chair also expressed sincere thanks on behalf of the members to Diana Phelps and Sue Cross for their service as Committee members.

e) Appointments : The Chair announced that John Fogg, Tony Wells and Ann Smith had kindly agreed to continue as Membership Secretary, Fixture Secretary and Minute Secretary respectively.

7) Subscription Rate : It was proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by Tom Miller that the annual subscription remain at £50 for 2008 and this was agreed.

8) Amendment to Constitution: After discussion, the following resolution (proposed by the Chair and seconded by the Secretary) was agreed unanimously:
“To amend the Objects clause(Clause 2) of the Constitution by the insertion of the words “ and associated activities”.

Len Buckingham confirmed that the Social club was meeting every Wednesday between 10am and 12noon and that it was being well-supported.

9) Indoor Croquet/Juniors: Tony Wells confirmed that 6 members had applied to play at Soham on 15/16 December. Leighton Middle School was preparing its own lawn and would like to organise tournaments at Pages Park in 2008.

10) Annual Dinner: Sally Clay had provisionally booked Tilsworth Golf Club on Friday 8th February. Members were asked to sign up if they wished to attend.

11) Trophies : The Chair presented the Club Handicap Singles Trophy to Roger Stroud and the Runner Up Shield to Len Buckingham; the Club Doubles Trophy to Una & Judith Pengelly and Runners Up Shield to John Cundell & Richard Keighley and the Club Singles Trophy to Richard Keighley with the Runner Up Shield to Tom Miller.

She also presented certificates to members who had contributed outstanding service to the Club, namely Val Jeffers, Eve Buckingham and John Fogg .

Finally, she thanked Richard Keighley for his services as Club Secretary over a period of 4 years.

12) Closing of meeting : Margaret Brown expressed thanks to everyone who had contributed to a successful and enjoyable year and she hoped that the Club would have the benefit of a 3rd lawn next season, although it was appreciated it might not be playable for a further year.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm and was followed by a party.