

Ottershaw Social club

Minutes of the 132nd Annual General Meeting

Officials

Phil Brown – Chairman

John Gurney – Secretary

Chris Wright - President

Peter Sperling ACA.

Becci Grogan (minutes)

Meeting started at 20.00

Agenda

1. Minutes Silence for past members
2. Apologies
3. Election of Chairman
4. Agreement of minutes from last year
5. Secretary's Report – proposed Maureen Seconded Brian Steed all in favour
6. Treasurers Report – proposed Jim Broadhead seconded Tom McDermot – all in favour
7. Presidents Report –
8. Election of four committee members for further years
9. Scrutineers – Andy Pearson, Jim Broadhead, Ian Wassel

1. A minutes silence was held for all members who passed this year.

2. Apologies

Roger & Diane Powell, Beryl Pearson, Ian and Judy Kendal, Mark Elgar, Peggy Broadhead

Gary and Pauline Dawson

3. Election of Chairman

Phil Brown proposed by Brian seconder Steve Cox- all in favour

4. Confirmation that everyone had an opportunity to read minutes of last AGM (now available via web site)

Proposer - Taff Seconder:- Jim Broadhead – all in favour

No matters arising

5. Secretary's Report

Welcome to the trustees and club members

This last year has been a very difficult year for a variety of reasons.

1. The suspended ceiling collapsed
2. The refurbishment of the club
3. Ronnie & Maureen leaving at short notice

On the 26th September a near disaster occurred when the suspended ceiling collapsed. A number of club members were injured and 5 club members were taken to hospital luckily there were no major injuries. I would like to thank the club staff and members who helped the injured.

This incident lead to the club being closed for 5 days, it was 3 days after the Health & Safety gave clearance to clear the site. Jo E had a team of builders who dropped working for Joe and cleared the old suspended ceiling and made good. We also had help from club members.

The refurbishment has dragged on for a number of reasons.

Thanks to Ronnie and Maureen for their service to the club it was very sad that they left on a sour note.

Huge thanks to Dave Plumridge for covering while the club looked for a new steward and stewardess. The recruitment took around 8 weeks as we advertised for the position and eventually interviewed ten couples. The new steward and stewardess Mick and Jo have settled well into the club. I would like to thank all the committee and club members who covered the bar over this period. This was very hard for the first few weeks.

The club had a number of routine inspections:-

1. Fire Inspection
2. Electrical Certificate
3. Hygiene Officer

This led to some mandatory upgrades and recommendations. Nearly all this work has been carried out with just the hand basin outstanding.

The work required by the Hygiene Officer included:-

- 1 Cellar Door
- 2 Diffuser to lights
- 3 New finish to surfaces in the galley kitchen
- 4 Lay out of kitchens

The steward's flat was totally redecorated and at the same time it was agreed to refit the galley kitchen with new lights, stainless steel cladding on the walls and ceiling, new work tops and a new freezer. Long term we will need to make a decision about the layouts.

On the previous item I would like to thank Ray & Phyllis Turner, Mick Weaver (the new steward) and Lesley Gurney for the quick turnaround for Jo and Mick

The ladies toilet has been redecorated and the gents is next on the list in the next few weeks.

Over the year other club members have sponsored events or donated money or time. A big thank you to all of you.

At last the Debit / Connect card is now up and running. We also update the website thanks to Keith Penfold and John Aylton but we do need club members to register so you can receive the club updates. So far we have around 100 members signed up which could equate to 200 with married

couples or partnerships but with over a 1,000 members we still have a long way to go. We will still have paper copies of the calendar for our members who do not have internet access.

Friday all day opening starts on Friday 1st July, again it has been a long time coming but we now have the staff cover required. This will not be sustainable if the club is not used so it's a case of use it or lose it.

An update on the Social Secretary Position which has been taken up by Becci and she will be fully up and running by August.

Lastly I and the committee would like to say thank you to Phyllis and Ilona as they are both standing down from the committee.

Once again a thank you to the full and part time staff, committee, club members, supporters and helpers over the last year who all help to make this club great.

6. Treasurers Report

The accounts show a trading deficit of £20,859 compared to a surplus of £18,152 for the year ended 31st March 2015. The following points arise:-

1. BAR TAKINGS Decreased by £3,184 or by 1.37%
2. GROSS PROFIT Gross profit percentage improved to 56.13% from 55.66% Gross profit has decreased by £694 to £128,723
3. OTHER INCOME Decreased by £3,555 due mainly to decreases in income from the gaming machines (2,292) and from entertainment (£1,101).
4. TOTAL INCOME As a result of points 1 to 3 total income has decreased by £4,249 to £202,869.
5. EXPENDITURE Increased by £34,762 due mainly to decreases in the cost of wages (£6,889 or by 7.52%), repairs (£23,441), bank charges (£760) and depreciation (£2,022).
6. BALANCE SHEET The net current asset (working capital) position has worsened by £32,581

Treasurer (Ian Finch) commented that looking at the wages another assistant has been appointed to enable paying normal rate rather than OT

Jim Broadhead – I'd just like to thank the treasurer and accountant and would like to propose the club accept these as a true and honest record of the accounts seconded Tom Mc Dermot

All in favour as a true record of accounts.

7. President's Report

Good evening ladies and Gentlemen it's an honour to stand in front of you as your president.

Firstly I'd like to say, any members or friends of the club who have passed away this year, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

I would like to thank and introduce our new trustees Roy Cranston and Ruth Hayllor and we also have David Easton and myself as existing trustees.

Well it's certainly been an interesting year so where do I start.

I think firstly we should start with the collapsing roof, and thankfully no one was seriously hurt, after a full investigation from the health and safety executive and building control it was deemed that the occurrence was of no fault to anyone within the club or workmanship carried out in the club from recent times, however I would still like to apologise for the inconvenience of the closing of the club and of course the members who did suffer injuries. I would also like to thank Joe Ephgrave for the swift repair of the ceiling once the club had been handed back to us by the health & Safety Executive.

I would also like to take the time to thank Ronnie & Maureen for their efforts in the club over the last few years and it was a real shame that their notice period was shortened due to a disagreement with terms and conditions set up in their initial contract I think perhaps Ronnie was not feeling himself with other personal issues and perhaps we could have dealt with things differently or better but the committee are obliged to act for the members and to follow rules and procedures set out in the terms and conditions, and failure to follow these could see the committee in breach of the members wishes, so it is a very difficult situation in which I feel the committee were in a no win situation. At the end of the day Ronnie and Maureen were leaving, it just would have been nice if they had left on good terms as they did a lot of good for the club and it would be nice if they could pop in for a beer, where of course they will always be welcome.

But a new chapter in Ottershaw social Club has begun and I would like to welcome Mick and Jo to our club.

In the period that the club flat was empty the time was taken to refurbish the flat and also give the kitchens a deep clean and carry out some of the remedial works to enable the kitchen to hopefully get back to a 5 star rating. This included dust proof kitchen lights and stainless steel tops and backing. This work did take priority over the club refurbish as we don't often get the chance to get full access.

There have been a few changes in the committee and I would like to start by thanking all the committee for their continued efforts to support Ottershaw Social club throughout the year especially when the steward did leave and all committee stepped in to open the bar, and also in trying to get the club refurbishment finished. I appreciate we have been let down by a few trades especially when trying to get people back to finish the bar and the flooring, but I have to say the bar looks great and the beer tastes fantastic now it is cold and running through new pipes and chillers. I do however understand members frustrations and I don't think we are that far away from the main area, there is still the ladies toilets and men's to look at so please can we get on with these as soon as possible, but also I understand when the committee are trying to get the best value for the club it does seem to take time to get multiple quotes. I also think it is important to remember that the club committee have given time and effort to save the club money when they can, by doing things at no charge to the club so thanks very much for all your efforts. There have been some changes in the committee so firstly I would like to say a special thank you to Phyllis who has stepped down from the committee this year, thanks you for all your efforts over the years in keeping our flowers looking great, our patio and exterior of the club looking amazing as well as many other chores, and attending all the committee meetings and having valued input. A round of applause please and as a parting gift please accept these flowers.

Also I would like to introduce you to Becci Grogan who is now our Social Secretary, Becci is a very active committee member she has got stuck right in, if you would like to see any different entertainment or get some new bands in speak to Becci.

For those of you on the world Wide Web we now have an interactive web site that is very informative and looks fantastic, if you log in you can register your email and receive emails from the club for up and coming events and see the club event calendar. For those not on the web there is still the paper calendar by the front door with all the upcoming events and I would like to thank Keith Penfold for all his efforts with this.

A few short thank yous to the Golf Society, John, Keith, Adrian and Chris, the poker group Kevin and Dianne and the darts teams, all the secretaries and of course the quizzes by Linda and Becci, all these events take time and effort to organise and make this club the special place it is so thank you for all your efforts.

Also there are donations made to the club which sometimes go unnoticed, these include sponsoring of bands and events and various other things so I would like to take the time to thank all these people for their donations it is very much appreciated.

Please remember tonight this is your club and a chance to voice your opinions and let the committee know what they can do better or improve, please continue to support the club as I will and make Ottershaw Social Club the special place it is.

And lastly you'll be pleased to hear I would like you to join me for a drink at the bar later so please use your extra ticket for a drink and I will settle the tab later.

Thanks for listening

8. Result of Election of further years for committee members

62 papers

Keith Penfold – 3 years

Howard & Taff – 2 years

Linda Rich - 1 year

AOB

Joe – Any chance we could get the snooker tables recovered?

Treasurer – We looked at recovering them but the league teams did not want them recovered – we will review

Ray Sharp – A lot of thanks have been given for what people have been done, I would like to offer my thanks to John Gurney in particular for all he has done for the refurbishment on some occasions working through the night

John Grogan

Item 1 – Doombar comes here and it goes very quickly, quite a few people like to drink it – I understand there is a difficulty with the barrel but perhaps we could look at it on other nights of the week plus guest beers on other nights.

Treasurer – Bombardier gives us a better deal having said that I have ordered London Pride and Doombar as guest beers.

Item 2 – John gave us a very amusing speech about the historic condition of the men's toilet – so amusing in fact that several members have since asked me to hire him as future entertainment. On a serious note John stated that the men's toilets a few years ago had porcelain and he understand we had someone with a fetish for undoing the nuts and bolts but seriously the club has moved forward and the toilets are like something from the past or at a park or at the coast. Perhaps we could consider having them boxed in.

Treasurer's response – If you want porcelain John we are happy to accept the cheque from you

Jim Broadbent – I have been asked by a member who is not here to bring up the subject of the wearing of hats at the bar and believes gentlemen should remove their hats and members should not wear hats at the bar.

Chairman – Request Noted.

Meeting closed at 21.05.

Post script from the Chairman thanking the scrutineers