

Minutes of the Buckworth Cricket Club AGM

held on Wednesday 29th March 2017, starting at 8 pm.

1. The President, Brian Whittaker welcomed members. He thanked them for attending.

From his own observations he felt that Nic and Amanda had been doing an awful lot recently and help would always be appreciated.

Present: Neil Broe, Hazel and Phil Cooper, Amanda and Nic Cox, Kay Freeman, Paula Hennessy, Brian and Elaine Whittaker, Malcolm and Sheila Lovett, Caroline and David O'Brian, Don and Diane Simmonds, Ray Garcia (16)

2. Apologies for absence were received from: Jason and Justin Baziliauskas, Pat Hennessy, Phil and Kat Parker, Kathryn Broe, Geoff and Jean Lyford.

Paula Hennessy asked whether Dave and Ginnie Proud had been informed about the AGM as they do not have email. The Secretary replied saying that their daughter had been sent the email advertising the AGM. There is nothing in the rules saying that Trustees, or other members, need to be written to individually.

3. The minutes of the 2016 AGM had been distributed via the Club's website and hard copies were available at the meeting. Acceptance of the minutes as a true record was proposed by Malcolm Lovett, seconded by Diane Simmonds and carried nem con.

4. The financial statement prepared by the auditor, Ian Lancaster, for the previous financial year (ended 30 September 2016) was distributed and briefly commented on by Nic Cox. A summary of the year's transactions was also distributed.

- It had been the first time in recent years that bar takings had gone up from the previous year.
- There had been 108 members by the end of 2016, with 94 paid up for 2017 by the date of the AGM.
- Room hire takings had benefited from having had two elections.
- Cleaning materials expenses include a new vacuum cleaner.
- Building work of over £1100 includes £620 planning permission for the canopy with non-slip paint for the ramp, plumbing work in the store room, additional loft insulation and paving making up the remainder.
- Vertical blinds at all windows and an additional drinks fridge made up the bulk of the Clubhouse fittings expenses.

The current good fixed-price electricity deal with Scottish Power ends on 1st May and charges will increase by nearly 20%, whichever company supplies the Clubhouse in future.

After the end of the financial year being reported on, the flat roof above the games area has had to be replaced which will be a major expense on next year's accounts. Despite this, the cash balance has managed to remain above £10,000.

Adoption of the annual accounts was proposed by Kay Freeman, seconded by David O'Brian and carried nem con.

Diane Simmonds wished to thank Nic for his work as Treasurer throughout the year, seconded by David O'Brian and the Chairman also wished to record his thanks to the Treasurer.

5. Chairman's Report.

Neil reported that the Club had another successful and productive year.

Work in the storeroom had now been completed and two dishwashers were in action plus a sink which will make supper clubs and other events much more manageable. The Chairman thanked Nic for carrying out the work. The other big development was the erection of a permanent external covered area for future functions. This was made possible by a grant from the National Lottery for £9,930. This year we will, hopefully, be adding removable sides, when funds allow.

We are also applying to the Woolly Hill Wind Farm Community Fund for new benches outside and thanks go to Phil for taking on the application. The flat roof over the far end of the Clubhouse, which was breaking up, has had to be replaced. This extensive work cost £3,360 but will last long into the future. This has brought the Club's cash balance back to £10,000 which, I am sure you will agree, is still a healthy balance.

The yearly membership subscription can therefore remain unchanged at £10 and last year there were 108 members. If there are any stragglers amongst you, your support would be appreciated.

One future development concerns the installation of a defibrillator on the side of the Club and I believe that CPR training will follow. This has been thanks to an application to the British Heart Foundation which considered Buckworth a worthy cause.

On to events. We still hold craft clubs, sewing groups and a gardening club. Apart from the regular supper clubs, the main social events were St George's Day, a BBQ on 3rd July organised very kindly by Mike and Chris Dietz, Harvest Supper in October, Trafalgar Night, the Christmas dinner, Burns' Night and lastly St Patrick's Day celebrations. All events were well attended. Most of the proceeds for the Harvest Supper and Burns' Night went to the Church restoration fund, I am pleased to report. There was a Macmillan Coffee Morning which raised £179 and we hosted the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration and donated half the profits to local charities, encompassing Air Ambulance and the Salvation Army. All this amounted to £364 being donated

to charity and we also hosted two elections. You can, therefore, see that your committee stay alert and proactive which we can be proud of.

I do hope that you will continue to support your Cricket Club for the events this year and lastly I would like to thank my Committee for making all this possible.

6. Election of Officers

Seven members had been proposed and seconded on the list which had been posted in the Clubhouse.

Neil Broe (Chairman) proposed by Caroline O'Brian and seconded by Diane Simmonds. Malcolm Lovett (Vice Chairman) proposed by Phil Cooper and seconded by Don Simmonds. The rest of the committee Amanda (Secretary) and Nic Cox (Treasurer), Kay Freeman, Caroline O'Brian and Phil Cooper were elected en bloc proposed by Don Simmonds and seconded by Sheila Lovett.

Mr Ian Lancaster was proposed to be Club Auditor by Kay Freeman and seconded by Phil Cooper and carried nem con.

7. Any other business.

David O'Brian wished to thank Nic and Amanda for all their work this year.

Caroline O'Brian said that she knew someone who would be willing to learn the ropes of working behind the bar but not to be a member of the committee.

Paula Hennessey reminded the meeting that bingo took place once a month. Elaine Whittaker thanked Paula for running the bingo.

Hazel Cooper wished to thank the Club for allowing Church functions to take place in the Clubhouse. She thanked everyone who helped to make them possible.

Nic spoke to the meeting about how he saw, on Facebook, that you could apply to the British Heart Foundation for a defibrillator. He did so and, with the help of Andy Foster who did the electrical work, we now have one fitted to the side of the Clubhouse. Nic said that CPR training would be offered at some time in the future in the Clubhouse. Diane said it would be nice if young people in the village could be involved in this training.

We had recently lost a long standing member of the Club, Terry Cheney, and on Friday of this week Buckworth would say farewell to Terry at 7.30pm.

Caroline thanked Neil for being Chairman.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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held on Wednesday 29 March 2017, starting at 8.35pm.

16 members were in attendance including 2 Trustees: Paula Hennessy and Brian Whittaker. Apologies received from Pat Hennessy.

1. The minutes of the 2016 AGM were approved and signed by the President as a true record.
2. The election of the members of the new Club Committee to the Association was proposed by Paula Hennessy and seconded by Di Simmonds and carried nem con.
3. Any other business

Paula asked why the Trustees hadn't received any information about the planning application, which mentioned the Trustees as the applicants, which had been posted on the noticeboard. The Treasurer informed Paula that Outside Structure Solutions, who had submitted the Planning Application for the canopy, had mistakenly put Trustees on it instead of Buckworth Cricket Club Committee.

The President spoke about the Trustees involvement in the Club.

Diane asked who the Trustees are: Brian Whittaker, Pat and Paula Hennessy, Bob Speechly, David and Ginnie Proud. Only two of the Trustees can live outside the village. The question was asked about what happens if a Trustee retires or dies and how a new Trustee would be appointed. The Buckworth CC membership would elect the replacement Trustee.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.42pm.