



WEST WORTHING CLUB CIC

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held via Zoom

on Saturday 27th March, 2021 at 6pm.

Logged – in:

William Naunton Andrew Stewart Colin Sweeney Richard Wratten Elizabeth Sparkes Andrea Walter Carole Naunton David Head Sandra Towner Bob Ainsworth Julie Greenwood Angela Boyes Robert Naunton Elizabeth Naunton Mary Harper John Phillips Jonathan Pocock Angela Pocock James Humphrys Greg Porter Alan Grieve Ryan Young Dan Bartlett Rachel Millot Tom Pocock Tim Shutt Cathy Kirkby Andy Woon Richard Miller Paul Sinclair Peter Boorne Steve Line Jenny Line David Barlow Kevin Gifford Marilyn Brooks Alan Lawson James Oakley Julie Gifford.

Meeting Chaired by William Naunton.

1. Apologies received from Sue Wratten.
2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 20th June, 2020 were approved without amendments.
3. The Ray Little Awards were not presented for 2020 because of the difficulties surrounding the Covid pandemic.
4. Finance Report – the Chairman presented the unaudited accounts for the Company for the year ended 30th September 2020 and made the following points:
 - Income –£283k (down from £361k last year)
 - Subscriptions –£149k (down from £169k).
 - Government Grants received of £53k.
 - Year end surplus –£11,531 (up from £7,421).
 - Cash position –£103k (down from £159k last year)
 - Loans balances –£311k (£300k interest free LTA loan)
 - Depreciation –we have depreciated our assets at the rate of £40k this year.

The Chairman emphasised that not only had the club benefitted from the Government Grants together with full rates relief but also the tremendous support from the members in continuing to pay their subscriptions. Income had been significantly reduced due to the loss of fees from tournaments and the use of the indoor courts however outgoings had been kept to an absolute minimum with all staff being placed on furlough to a greater or lesser extent as the situation changed over the year. Pre-Covid, the club had embarked on a reorganisation of the office with the aim of reducing the hours worked and this together with the ending of the café franchise had resulted in redundancy payments which are

reflected in these accounts. He wished to record his thanks for all the voluntary work that had been undertaken to keep the Club operating during a very difficult year.

5. The accounts were approved without opposition as was the re-appointment of MHA Carpenter Box as the accountants for the Company.
6. Election of Directors – The meeting approved the continued co-option of Elizabeth Sparkes who was thanked for all her efforts on our behalf. Andrea Walter was due to retire from the Board this year and had decided not to seek re-election. The Chairman thanked her for all her work on behalf of the Club during her time as a director. Three other directors were due for re-election, Colin Sweeney, Richard Wratten and Andrew Stewart. They had all been proposed and seconded to fill the three vacancies and were duly elected unopposed. Additionally, Tim Shutt having been nominated and seconded to fill the vacancy on the Board was duly elected unopposed.
7. Chairman's Review of the Last Year –The Chairman up-dated the meeting about projects that had been undertaken during the year including installing new net sockets on the grass courts funded by the LTA, refurbishment and deep clean of the kitchen area and behind the bar, installation of swipe card entrance systems, installing activation sensors on many of the lights throughout the club house, tree maintenance around the grounds, a new burglar system installed, automated lighting in the snooker room, and major works on the hard courts 5,6 and 7 to deal with subsidence and the resurfacing of these courts. Additionally, new LED lighting was installed on these courts together with courts 1 and 2. The opportunity has been taken to link the lighting to the court booking system so that they are only turned on when required with the resulting energy saving. This automation also removes the dependency on the presence of staff or volunteers to turn the light on or off. New picnic tables have been put in between the Club House and the Hard Courts. These major works were only possible because of a donation of around £80K which the club recently received.

Lastly he thanked the section heads for all the work they had done to keep the enthusiasm going amongst their members during a very difficult year. He also thanked members of the Board and the staff for all their help and support. John Barton is due to retire as President of the Club at the end of his three-year term. He has decided not to re-stand but the Chairman recorded his thanks for all the exceptional work he has done on behalf of the club over very many years.

8. Future Plans – Outdoor sports are due to restart on 29th March and the Club wants to see the indoor sports of squash, table tennis, snooker and bridge as well as the use of covered tennis courts, start again as soon as government restrictions allow. The Board is looking at installing new double doors at the entrance leading onto courts 1 and 2. The Bar and café will be opened as soon as possible and to this end the recruitment of a Bar/Chef Manager is being actively pursued.

As far as major projects are concerned the installation of Padel Tennis Courts is under active consideration. The Chairman laid out the various options available at present including use of some of the land in the next door caravan park which is owned by the local authority and which is coming up for re-development. Financing the project is obviously the major consideration with the cost of two covered courts being in the region of £250k. The governing body of the sport is now the LTA who could provide loans to help with the cost and assistance may well come from the council and any future developer involved in the caravan park site. Members will be kept informed as the project progresses.

9. Any other business

- Greg Porter asked if plans, with a cost/benefit analysis, for a major project such as Padel Tennis would be put to the members for approval before the Board agreed to go ahead. The Chairman replied that formally this would not be a requirement but with a project of this size the Board would look to keep members fully informed and seek their views and opinions as part of the decision process.
- James Humphrys asked if covers for Padel Tennis Courts could be removed in better weather. The Chairman replied that the covering is more of a canopy than a roof and usually remains fixed in place.
- Julie Greenwood asked when Hosting for tennis will restart. Carole Naunton advised the meeting that Adult Hosting was due to start again on 12th April.
- There was a question about the heating in Squash Court 6 with the walls becoming damp with condensation during the winter. The Chairman responded that various options are being considered including in the long term replacing the broken gas heater with electric heating powered by solar panels.
- Responding to a question about membership numbers Carole Naunton said that membership was holding up quite well. Some members had paused their membership during lockdown but on the whole members are renewing when their sports restart.
- A question was asked about outdoor bar facilities from 12th April and the Chairman confirmed this was our intention and the reason for the active recruitment of the necessary staff.
- The Chairman confirmed that guests would be welcomed back into the club as soon as possible when restrictions allow.

. There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.05pm