

West Malvern Social Club – Annual General Meeting 2017 - minutes

The meeting was held in the club house at 8pm on 29th March 2017.

There were 8 members present – not a quorum.

1. welcome

The members present were welcomed by Mal Edgson (the Chairman) in the absence of Rev David Nichol who was unable to attend.

2. apologies for absence

There were apologies from David Nichol, Kathryn Burnham, John Bennett, Pauline Striplin, and Phil Striplin.

The meeting had been advertised on the Club noticeboard and the web site for several weeks and had been advertised in several recent newsletters.

3. minutes of the last AGM

The previous minutes were agreed to be correct and were approved.

4. matters arising from the previous minutes

There were none which were not covered by the agenda.

5. Chairman's report

This was presented by the Chairman using PowerPoint. It is available on the web site.

The most notable features of 2016 were that all the main events at the Club (Thursday night's open mic, the Sunday evening session, and the Quiz) are trading profitably. The security of the bar area has been increased; this enables us to hire the hall unattended. There were some minor refurbishments to the house kitchen. We have improved our range of wines and local beers. We have upgraded the PA system. We have fitted an external door closer to reduce noise nuisance; we have deferred action on fitting double glazing.

There was discussion as to whether it was sensible to improve the house so far as possible as the club has cash in the bank at almost zero interest. It was agreed that house improvements were in general a good idea.

6. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented his report; the details can be seen in the PowerPoint presentation on the web site. The meeting was asked to approve the accounts; they were approved.

The meeting agreed to re-appoint the club's accountants: Meigh, Mansbridge and Co of Malvern WR14 1UQ.

7. Secretary's report

The Secretary reported that membership was currently 214.

Other aspects of the Secretary's report are covered by the Chairman's report.

8. election of officers and Committee members

There have been nomination forms posted on the noticeboard for over four weeks. These have listed all current incumbents. The following were returned unopposed:

- Chairman Mal Edgson
- Treasurer Stephen Luttrell
- Secretary Gordon Kirk

The following committee members were nominated and, being fewer than the maximum called for, were elected.

- committee member Eric Aston
- committee member Nick Brown

9. confirmation of property Trustees

The current property Trustees were confirmed to continue:

- Peter Scott
- Katherine Burnham

In view of the result of item 10, it was not felt to be necessary to appoint a third property trustee.

10 proposed changes to the constitution

The Charity Commission has rejected our application as it does not feel that all our objectives are charitable. We have decided to incorporate as a Community Interest Company. This will put a formal "asset lock" on the club's assets in case of its closing. It should also enable us to reduce our Corporation Tax generally. There is a full copy of the proposed articles of incorporation on the web site.

As there was no a quorum, the meeting was unable to vote to change the club constitution.

The meeting passed a motion: "Until the next AGM, Rule 22 shall be suspended and an EGM shall be authorised to approve a change to the club's constitution". The motion was carried: none was against.

11 AOB

Kate Dutton stated that the Defibrillator Fund (which is funded by the Quiz) would be able to fund the purchase of new chairs for the club as the number of chairs is currently a limitation on the number of people who can attend the Quiz.

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 9pm.