31 May 19

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MINUTES FROM CHURCHDOWN CLUB LTD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 29 May 19.

Present (Top	lan Willcock	Chairman	Mtg Sec
table)	Paul Foottit	Vice Chairman	
	Terry Mahon	Hon Treasurer	
	Andy Beeson	Hon Secretary	
	Andy Grainger		
	James Hull		
	Jon Evans		
	Paul Brooke		
	Tracy Constant	Bar Manager	
	Graham Wildin	Accountant / Auditor	
Apologies	Mike Speak		
	Steve Pullen		
Members Presen	t 37		

Chairman opened the meeting at 1930hrs. Chairman confirmed that the

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attendance was sufficient to validate the AGM.

Item 2 - Minutes from the last meeting

Item 1 – Opening Statement

2. Peter Bryant and Andy Grainger proposed and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate representation of all that was discussed in 2018 meeting.

Item 3 - Actions, and matters arising, from the minutes of the last meeting

3. **Nil.**

Item 4 - Chairman's Annual Report.

- 4. The Chairman thanked Mr Paul Foottit for his service as Chairman prior to his resignation shortly after the 2018 AGM. The Chairman thanked Mr Dennis Nicholas who was forced to stand down from his role as Hon Secretary due to ill health. The Chairman informed the meeting the Mr Andy Beeson had taken the position of secretary. Mr Roger Stollery was also thanked for his time as Hon Treasurer, a position that he resigned in September 18. The meeting was informed that Mr Terry Mahon had taken this vacant position. Meeting was informed that Mr Paul Brooke had joined the committee. The meeting was finally informed that the vacant Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer positions have been filled by Mrs Janis Sleep and Mr Adam Doherty.
- 5. The Chairman thanked the Bowls Cmte Rep (Kath Saul) and the Tennis Cmte Rep (Jon Evans) for their continuing support to the club and its decisions moving forward. It is the Chairs opinion that this support has galvanised the club

leadership into one team moving forward as opposed to three separate sections pulling in different directions.

- 6. The Chair informed the meeting that the club accounts were in the black and this was down to many factors. He singled out the club Chef Kate Jakubowski for excellent work, not only taking the club kitchens to a five star health rating but also achieving healthy profits and boasting a £21000 turnover for the year. Also singled out were Mr James Hull, Tracy Constant and Terry Mahon for their work in reducing the wage bill, whilst ensuring the efficiency and profitability of the club.
- 7. The Chairman thanked Charlotte Nourse for her enduring work advertising on Facebook and producing the first CCL Newsletter which was sent to all members who have provided their email addresses.
- 8. The Chairman thanked Mr Darren Byrne for his assistance to Mr James Hull regarding the bar renovation project. His donation of time and expertise has been invaluable, without which the project would have stalled. He has also donated the pool table to the club. These donations and contributions to the club were made without reimbursement nor would recompense be entertained. This is to Mr Byrne's credit, and the clubs benefit, which the Chairman is truly grateful.
- 9. The Chairman outlined some of the changes that were being proposed and requested that all members put thought into how the newly renovated bar should look. He encouraged members to have an input on décor, seating, style and themes. He also requested that members start to assist with general maintenance and upkeep, including: weeding, decorating and cleaning.

Item 5 - Secretary's Annual Report.

10. New to the role, the incoming Secretary thanked Charlotte Nourse for her support with advertising on Facebook, the inaugural newsletter and promised to put his efforts into the secretary's duties for the coming year.

Item 6 – Auditors Report.

- 11. Mr Graham Wildin reported that the bar takings were up for the year from £160k to £163K which was a good performance compared to other clubs in the area. Gross profit margin has increased from 49% to 53%. The cricket festival netted the club just over £9k and the food income has vastly increased to £11k.
- 12. The water rates, insurances and other service costs are up over the year. This is has been noted by the cmte and will be addressed. The wage bill has reduced by £7k which is a 10% decrease. The overall profit is £500 for the year compared with a deficit of £13700 of the previous year. This was considered by the Auditor as an excellent performance.

Item 7 – Treasurers Report.

13. The treasurer warned about complacency. The membership has depleted to just above 500. The club is not being used as much this year as previous years and bar transactions are declining year on year. Special mention was made in regard to the Cricket Festival, praising Mr Keith Thomas and all those involved for their hard work and dedication in making the cricket festival a

success. Pete Kotwica from BK Fencing was also praised for his hard work in providing fencing for the festival with no charge to the club. Pete also provides a high corporate hospitality take up during the festival week. The club presently has approximately £50k in the bank. The treasurer informed the meeting that the cmte have been frugal with this money but requested the membership have a greater input on the bar renovations. Savings were outlined on utility bills and credit card systems.

14. Finally the treasurer would like to thank Mr Dennis Nicholas for his help and assistance over the last few years and expressed his regret at his forced resignation due to ill health. Thanks were also extended to Tracy, Kate and all the staff for their dedication throughout the year.

Item 8 – Bowls Section Report

- 15. The Bowls section reported a varied year. They are approx. 10 members down this season but had a reasonable success at the open day in May. A reasonable year was experienced by the team, which is seen as a social team as opposed to a competitive one, and indicated that the club was a popular venue for opposing teams. The bowls members and opposing teams are encouraged to utilise the bar and the bowls sec was able to recite occasions where bar usage was high, including takings.
- 16. The bowling green costs are approx. £7500 a year and therefore the Bowls Sec wished to highlight the importance of the protection of the surface.
- 17. The Bowling Section thanked the club staff for their support throughout the year including Tracy and Kate; they also thanked the club committee for their continued support to the section.

Item 9 – Tennis Section Report

- 18. The tennis section reported a very successful year due largely to the enthusiasm of the tennis sub-committee. The tennis club have advertised widely utilising posters, magazines, flyers, Facebook and the internet. This has netted new members. Two open days have been organised recently and have been well attended. The membership of the section has risen from 50 to 61, which includes four new family memberships. Junior coaching has been a great success with three 1 hour sessions organised on Saturday mornings for three different age groups with attendance at approx. 20 children. The parish council assisted with the purchase of junior equipment and were thanked by the tennis chairman. Adult coaching is also becoming more popular on a Monday evening.
- 19. Two new teams have been entered this year, a mixed team into the Stroud Winter League and a ladies team. These new teams will play alongside the existing men's A&B teams.
- 20. A social programme is thriving with tennis sessions throughout the week. Skittles evenings and other social events are organised along with supporting other section events such as the Bowls section guizzes.
- 21. The tennis club has broken even financially for the year. It was pointed out that the Tennis Section now contributes 15% of their income to the main club treasury. Finally thanks were extended to the main committee and to all the staff including Tracy, Kate and Charlotte for all the support and hard work.

Item 10 - Other Section Reports

22. Alan Wales reported that the Ferrets skittles team have had a successful year, however Chosen Champs have been relegated this year.

Item 11 - Dogs being admitted to the Club

23. The proposal has been put to the committee to allow dogs in the bar. The membership was requested to debate and vote on this subject. After deliberation it was agreed by the AGM that dogs would be allowed in the club bar area and not the lounge. This would be a probationary period of 3 months. The dogs must be under the control of their owner at all times and be well behaved when on the premises. **Action:** This will be reviewed at a committee meeting in September.

Review by Cmte Sep Meeting

Item 12 - Election of President

24. Mr Terry Mahon proposed Mr Dennis Nicholas as the president of the club. This was seconded by Mr Paul Brooke. No other proposals were made and therefore the vote was unanimous in favour of Dennis Nicholas as the 2019/20 president of Churchdown Club Ltd.

Ian Willcock
CCL Cmte Chairman