

MINUTES OF GORE COURT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 30th MARCH 2015

In attendance

President (Martin Lukehurst), Secretary (Charles King), Treasurer (Ann Hodnett) and 20 members.

Apologies

Apologies were received from J. Sage, P. Nicholls, M. Birch, L. Newell, A. Collins, V. Crompton, P. Nicholls, J. Oyler, S. Ellis and K. Smith.

The President welcomed everyone to the 176th Annual General Meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read to the Meeting. The President then provided an update in respect of Matters Arising.

Rate Rebates: The Secretary pursued the possibility of further reductions, but without success.

Fun Day : The Fun Day took place on 29 June 2014 as planned and was a great success.

Martial Arts : The enquiry from a local martial arts club was not pursued.

There being no further Matters Arising, the minutes were agreed as a true record.

Proposed : Brian Birch

Seconded : Graham Nicholson

Financial Report and Balance Sheet

Ann Hodnett gave a brief report on the previously circulated balance sheet and income & expenditure account.

Brian Birch asked a number of questions :

Why was the gross margin down from 51% to 49%. and did it reflect a worrying downward trend ? Ann explained that this was due to beer wastage, which has been rectified.

Why was hall hire down ? Ann replied that recently hall hire bookings had revived.

Why were hockey subscriptions up, but Rugby subs down by a third ? Matt Hobson explained that Rugby Section had suffered a massive loss of players and were now struggling to put two teams out.

Why had gas and electricity charges been reduced ? Ann explained that Charles King had been able to get a much better deal by shopping around and changing suppliers.

Martin Lukehurst highlighted the prospect of additional income for the Club via rental income from the new gym which has been set up in the Squash Block (No121). The Club will start receiving rent as from 1 July 2015. Sandra Ellis is also planning to start up a Holiday Club for schoolchildren at The Grove as from the start of the 2015 summer holidays.

There were no further questions from the floor and the Balance Sheet and Accounts were adopted.

Proposed : Maggie Nicholls

Seconded : Andy Butler

Subscriptions, Match Levies and Fund Raising

The President explained that the Main Committee proposed to maintain fees at current levels for 2015/16. Each Section will continue to organise an additional fund-raiser at the Club to contribute £125 to Club funds, or to achieve between them at least £500 in bar takings.

There were no questions and the proposed fees were approved.

Proposed : Graham Nicholson

Seconded : Maggie Nicholls

Election of Officers

President: Martin Lukehurst had completed the second year of his 3 year term and was happy to continue.

Chairman: There were no nominations for this post, so Martin Lukehurst indicated his willingness to continue as Acting Chairman pending the position being filled.

Secretary: Charles King was prepared to continue as Secretary, which was carried unanimously.

Proposed : Brian Birch

Seconded : Maggie Nicholls

Treasurer: Ann Hodnett was prepared to continue as Treasurer, which was carried unanimously.

Proposed : Martin Lukehurst

Seconded : Maggie Nicholls

Subs Sec: Maggie Nicholls was happy to continue in this role for a further year.

House: Kevin Smith was happy to continue in this role for a further year.

Ground: John Oyler was happy to continue in this role for a further year.

Nomination of Vice-Presidents

There were no nominations for Vice Presidents.

Any Other Business

Honours Board : Martin asked Sections to provide details of recent Team Captains so that the Honours Board could be updated.

Squash Court Roof : Des Ellis explained that the asphalt had split and the roof was therefore leaking. It can be patched for the time being but will eventually need to be replaced.

Attendance : Martin expressed his disappointment at the very poor attendance, which barely constituted a quorum.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.