

Merseyside Bridge Centre
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 14.9.2015

Present: 53

Apologies from 17

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 1.9.2014 having been on permanent display were adopted without amendment.

Matters arising from last A.G.M.:

1. Screen Timers. These were introduced on Monday evenings. After a few months the general opinion was that there was no significant benefit and they were discontinued.

Reports:

Chairperson: Attached to these minutes.

In addition to her written report Jill again expressed concern that, despite repeated requests, many members make little or no effort to help with various tasks especially on evenings when we do not have a bar person on duty (Monthly Swiss events & Friday evenings).

Treasurer: Show a surplus of £3275 with gross assets @ £23038 and, after deduction of £5000 for “property reserve, net assets stand @ £18038. David reported no significant property related expenditure during the year but we are always mindful that we do have a “full repair lease”. Our current lease is due for renewal on 1st January 2018 but there is a rent review overdue which is presently in the hands of an independent arbitrator. At the moment we do not pay rates on our building but we have received notice that our present relief is under review and we may therefore have to pay rates in the future. Thanks were expressed to Mike Reid who has examined the accounts which were adopted as presented.

Membership: Currently stands at 262 with 29 new members with non renewals of 28.

Election of Committees:

1. General Committee:

a) Fred Pons (Property officer) is not seeking re election.

Fred was thanked for his work during his term in office and the many visits made to the club to meet tradesmen to address property related issues.

Stewart Everitt has agreed to take over this task.

b) As Jill is intending to retire as our chairperson next year and Norman King (presently vice chairman) has already served as chairman we now need a new vice chairman. We have received one nomination namely John Fay who has agreed to this appointment.

c) Pat Tweedle, one of our present 3 trustees, wishes to withdraw from office and Jill Oddie has agreed to take over. These three changes were adopted unanimously.

The remaining members were re elected en bloc.

2. Disciplinary Committee:

Were re elected en bloc.

Any other business

Norman King expressed that new blood would be welcomed to join the Committee and hopes that nominations would be forthcoming at our next A.G.M.

There being no other items submitted the meeting closed at 7.20

Signed

Chairperson

Date

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