

# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSA CLUB**

**HELD ON 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2018**

## **PRESENT**

Committee: Steve Brettell (Chairman), Russ Manley (Treasurer), Arthur Hearl (Secretary), Nigel Williamson, Gerald Dinnis and Darren Jones

Members: Ivor Grove, Len Wooldridge, Ken Wasley, Andy Hardinge, Mike Hughes, Chris Evans, Liz Evans, Ken Martin, Don Berrey, Alan Barrett, Steve Jones and John Stevens.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Bob Munro, Alan Wells, Mairead Munro, Brian Johnson and Norman Tozer.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM**

These were approved as a true record. (Proposed Ivor Grove, Seconded Gerald Dinnis).

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

The chairman reported that the three gas fires had been replaced and that during the forthcoming year it is planned to complete the refurbishment of the ladies' toilet and then refurbish the cellar, and yard. The committee had decided that the exterior walls should be painted and a quotation of £3,000 + vat had been received, (£1,800 for painting and £1,200 for scaffolding). A quotation to repair the defective rendering in the covered passageway is to be sought.

Mike Hughes, on behalf of the members thanked the committee for its hard work in effecting the improvements to date.

### **4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Steve thanked all those present for attending. He also thanked the committee, bar staff and all those who had carried out work for the club throughout the year. He thanked Maureen Manley for cleaning and Russ for the maintenance work and his duties as treasurer.

He said that we had 41 paid up members at the time of the AGM last year and this year we have 50 and the number is expected to rise when the snooker season starts.

He reported that the club had tried to put together a euchre team but there was insufficient interest and the proposal had therefore been abandoned. However, a darts team had expressed an interest in being based at the club and Steve said that should this happen we would have to purchase a new darts board and an electronic scoreboard at an approximate cost of £250. He reassured members that this sum would be recovered by the additional membership fees and bar sales.

The General Data Protection Regulation applied to the club's electronic data and Steve assured the meeting that our database of names and emails were not shared with anyone and that all emails were sent "BCC". Ken and Don suggested that documents such as membership application forms should be kept locked away and this was accepted. It was also suggested that membership application forms should be amended and that members should complete an application form every year when renewing membership.

## **5. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Arthur reported that it had again been a very quiet year for the secretary.

He stated that a former member, Bruce Reid, had sadly died during the year and the club had been represented at the funeral.

He said that, unfortunately, the Walkers had to abandon their regular meetings at the club because of the advanced age and poor health of several of their members.

On a more cheerful note he reported that the committee had met every other month in accordance with our constitution and that the meetings had been well attended.

## **6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Russ produced a written report with supporting statistics and thanked Ken for auditing them. These will be published on the club notice board together with the minutes of this meeting.

Russ was thanked by the members and the accounts were formally adopted, (proposed Mike Hughes and seconded Ivor Grove).

## **7. BAR SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Russ reported that lager sales do not currently warrant an 88 pint barrel and a system supplied by Carlsberg, 'Draughtmaster', is being investigated. A salesman is to visit the club and discuss possibilities with the committee. This system uses smaller containers that are self-contained and require only an electricity and water supply. The range

of draught drinks are limited but include Carlsberg Export, San Miguel and various American type pale ales.

Restocking of the snooker room bar is still problematic and Ivor suggested that the large cupboard unit could be brought into use to maintain a bigger stock. It was agreed that this should be investigated and, if possible, actioned by the new committee.

## **8. SNOOKER REPORT**

Darren reported that there had been a successful season and that two of the teams had been promoted. He said that the cloth should last another season. Mike, Ivor and Andy had all won awards.

Mike Hughes said that the table was considered to be the best in the league and in demand when a neutral venue was sought for competitions etc.

Steve said that it is intended to put the fixtures on the club website.

The unauthorised use of the table was discussed and it was resolved to put a notice in the snooker room and remind keyholders of their obligations.

## **9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Steve stood down and the first item was chaired by Ken Martin, a Club Trustee.

Chairman: Steve Brettel was re-elected (and then reoccupied the chairman's post for the remainder of the meeting).

The following members were elected as officers of the club and committee members:

Secretary: Brian Johnson  
Treasurer: Russ Manley  
Bar Secretary: Steve Jones  
Events Secretary: Gerald Dinnis  
Snooker Rep: Darren Jones

Committee members: Nigel Williamson, Don Berrey, Arthur Hearl and Alan Wells.

It was considered that it would be incompatible, (and possibly not legal), to be an officer of the club and a holding trustee and it was resolved that Brian, the new Secretary, should be invited to resign as trustee and Ken Martin, (who would then be the one remaining trustee), was requested to appoint up to three more trustees. Having done so the club secretary should then regularise the situation with the Land

Registry etc. and put the ownership in the names of the trustees in accordance with our constitution.

#### **10. POINTS OF INTEREST**

Nothing further was discussed and the meeting closed at 2220hrs.

#### **11. DATE OF NEXT AGM**

In accordance with the club constitution the next AGM will be held during July 2019 with due notice of the date and time being published.