



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE ARMADILLO STADIUM ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2014 AT 8PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman	Alan Brockett
Secretary	Chrissie Brockett
Treasurer	Denise Newland
Competition Secretary	Richard Holland

For all others members present see attached list

APOLOGIES

Phil Winston	Baldock Town
Matt Eversden	Baldock Town
Sharron Fane	Hen & Chickens
Andy Stratford	Hen & Chickens
Alan Griffiths	Celtic Storm
Jan Swallow	Lidlington & MM
Alan Roden	Luton
Trevor Whittaker	Luton
Sue Murray	Station Sleepers
Tony Blythe	Station Sleepers
Peter Wright	Bird "B"

PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Alan B gave a brief resume of the minutes of last year's AGM; the only matter arising related to the time restrictions at Bancroft – David Pickard explained that were no longer any time restrictions. It was proposed by Eric Wilson and seconded by Neil Dillely that the minutes be accepted as a true record – there were no dissenters.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Alan B gave his report:-

Initially considered that it had been another good year, although there had been the odd instance, through lack of communication, where teams had got a little upset with each other; fortunately things quietened down without the need for disciplinary action; nevertheless the committee will be watching very carefully for unacceptable behaviour by certain players that were involved

Competitions were well supported and leagues nearly all completed on time; the one exception being through lack of communication again – this will be raised again at the Captains' meeting

He reminded all teams that it is their responsibility to pay for extra trophies and competition fees without having to be chased by the Committee.

He particularly wanted to thank those teams from the NHIA that found themselves without venues during the season, for simply finding other venues and merely advising the Committee accordingly.

Due to the deteriorating health of Rory it is our intention to have our own website before the start of next summer season

He thanked the Committee for their support and particularly Richard Holland as Divisional Organiser.

Thanked Bill Addison for sponsoring the Challenge Trophy for the year just gone.

Thanked Sharron for posting details on the Regional web site

TREASURER'S REPORT (see attached)

Denise presented both sets of accounts; PMPL has £904.85 banked in its account, a decrease of £202.55; To address the shortfall mainly caused by the cost of trophies we have purchased medals for division winners and runners-up that will hopefully prove acceptable. PMPL Dinner Dance account has £567.47 banked in its account, an increase of £162.85.

Colin Poyser has audited the accounts and Denise wished to thank him for carrying out this task.

Proposed by Chris Wilson and seconded by Lynne Ciano that both accounts be accepted as correct – carried unanimously

To address further the shortfall Denise advised the meeting that the Committee proposes to increase fees for the Doubles to £10 and Triples to £12. Next year Winter League fees will be increased to £9

The proposal was seconded by Martyn Gray-there were no dissenters.

REPORT ON SUMMER SEASON (results attached)

Alan B gave his report:-

Thanked Richard for completing and distributing the Divisions results following Rory's illness; some anomalies were found in Rory's original results that may have confused some teams – apologies if that was the case.

Good attendance to all competitions – 18 teams in the doubles and 16 teams in the triples; high quality boule played in a very good spirit; pleased to see that individual players were forming teams to play and therefore we are at last getting more players from the lower divisions playing.

As last year we will be holding all cup semi-finals at neutral venues. All agreed that this was the right thing to do.

Concerned that lighting at some venues is not as good as it could be; there are funds in the Region's accounts to help with these improvements so urged clubs to apply for help, where necessary; the Committee will be monitoring those venues that they visit.

Congratulations to winners and commiserations to those who may be relegated.

Divisions will be finalised when we know how many teams are entering the league next year; not aware that any teams are dropping out nevertheless the Committee is extending the date for application by new teams to join the league to 1st February 2015.

Was concerned to see that smoking on and in close proximity to the pistes has increased; no rules covering this but please respect peoples right for a smoke-free zone to play in.

Richard reiterated that generally reporting of results had gone well and there were only 3 postponements throughout the season. He did remind all contacts/captains that email reporting of results is fine but copies of results sheets do have to be submitted in order that he can check for ineligible players.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Richard Holland continues to act as VC and as all other officers were prepared to stand for re-election they were voted en bloc, proposed by David Pickard and seconded by Paolo Infantino – carried unanimously

Chrissie gave notice that she will not be carrying on as Secretary after this year

MOTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS/CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND RULES

There were not any motions raised and no changes to Constitution or Rules to consider

WINTER LEAGUE

Dates are Jan 18th, Feb 8th & 22nd, Finals Day March 29th.

5 team leagues will not be possible because of lack of space in the calendar so first come first served in multiples of 4

Entries required by November 30th to Alan Brockett.

Due to the demise of Rory's web site results will be issued by Alan B to all captains after every set of matches

LOCAL COMPETITIONS

Because the EPA & Regional calendars are being rationalised where possible dates for our competitions will not be issued at present.

Challenge Trophy final Sept 8th
Main Trophy final Sept 9th

The Plough gave notice that they are hoping to run their own competition on a date to be sorted after EPA, Region & League dates have been finalised.

DINNER DANCE-----PRESENTATION EVENING

To be held at Broadway Hotel Letchworth on Saturday 15th November. Over 110 tickets have been sold but we can accommodate more.

Alan B thanked Chrissie & Denise as PMPL representatives and requested that people arrive promptly as the Bar opens at 6pm and so that the Dinner can commence at 7pm; also reminded clubs about bringing raffle prizes.

PRE-SEASON CAPTAIN'S MEETING

To be held on Monday 23rd March at Armadillo Stadium

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Neil Stevenson encouraged all present to attend the Region's AGM @ Armadillo Stadium on November 17th as there are significant discussions to be had on EPA registration fees

Alan B referred to his email to all members about the need to obtain sponsors for the coming years in order to arrest the dwindling funds; he advised the meeting that he had one member who has offered to fund the league for the next year, which he had obviously accepted, but as of tonight no discussions have been had about publishing the name. There may be need for more in the next few years.

Alan B thanked Neil Stevenson for arranging the venue, thanked everybody for attending the meeting and wished everybody a Happy Christmas and a successful winter league

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.45

POST MEETING NOTE

Having contacted again the sponsor, the Committee is very pleased to inform all members that the League has agreed a sponsorship with Giles Beaumont for one year; Giles plays for Hen & Chickens and has kindly donated £200 to the League.