

RINGWOOD & DISTRICT EX TABLERS CLUB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on 19 March 2019 at 7.30 at St Leonards Hotel

1 Welcome and Grace

Chairman Keith opened the meeting and invited Immediate Past Chairman Mike Callaghan to say grace.

2 Guests

There were none.

3 Apologies

There were seven, many of whom were away on holiday.

4 Notice Convening the Meeting

The Notice had been circulated last month and was read by Steve Wyatt.

5 Minutes of Last AGM

The last AGM took place on 20 March 2018 and the minutes were circulated in April 2018. They were taken as read.

6 Business to Conclude for Current Year

Ringwood Community Forum – Keith said that Council is not sure quite what the purpose of the organisation is nor where it is going, but recommends that we affiliate. This is because (a) we can then see/use the diary so as to avoid conflicts with other organisations and (b) many other local organisations are members so it might seem strange if we are not. John Adams spoke strongly in favour of affiliating and this was agreed.

Christmas Card Donations – At the last Club meeting Council's suggestion was that after £100 going to the National President's charity (Muscular Dystrophy) the remainder be split equally between Dorset Children's Foundation and a local organisation relating to Parkinson's Disease. Ian Stockdale had investigated local support groups/appeals for Parkinson's. He found that funds are not needed in Hampshire, but the Parkinson's UK Ferndown and District Support Group would welcome a donation. Council's recommendation is therefore that £100 be donated to the National President's charity and the balance of £900 be split equally between Dorset Children's Foundation and Parkinson's UK Ferndown & District Support Group. This was proposed by Gordon Knott, seconded by Peter Lomax and passed unanimously.

National AGM – Keith handed over to Steve to deal with this. He told us there were three points to cover.

1. The appointment of a voting delegate. Bob Merrett had volunteered.

2. There were multiple candidates for various National offices and Council recommends that the Voting Delegate decide whom to support after hearing their presentations.

3. There are two resolutions. The first suggests a major new community service project to relocate the headquarters of the Association to the north of England. The second is

that an additional line be added to standing orders of general meetings of the Association reading "Video presentations or similar as whole or part of an election address shall not be allowed, any deviation from this rule can only be approved by majority vote of the National Council". Council recommends voting against the first (clearly a joke) and in favour of the second (a candidate should be chosen based on his abilities and not on the skill of a video/film maker).

John Quint proposed, seconded by Mike Callaghan that Bob Merrett be appointed Voting Delegate and use his discretion on the votes for candidates for National office. This was passed unanimously. It was also proposed and seconded that Council's recommendation for voting on the resolutions be adopted and this was passed.

7 Council Reports

Most Council members had given written reports which had been circulated with the last edition of the magazine. Keith asked for reports from the remaining Council members.

Immediate Past Chairman Mike Callaghan said that the year had gone very well and was a credit to everyone involved.

Meals Secretary John Quint had nothing to report.

Press & Publicity Officer John Adams mentioned that there is difficulty in getting press coverage as we are a closed shop and do not advertise functions to the general public.

Lay Member/Health & Safety Officer Mike Williams was not present.

Treasurer Andrew Green had distributed the accounts. He explained they had been drafted as if the Christmas card donations had been spent. The overall deficit for the year was £220.40 which took the balance down to £2,084.80. If the budget proves absolutely accurate the balance at the end of the year will be reduced by £669.50. This is an acceptable level. We need funds in hand for expenditure payable before the subs have been collected, such as the hotel deposit for Ladies Night. So far as the subscription is concerned the proposal is that it be increased to £38 discounted by £7 to £31 if paid by 30 June. Over the past few years the subscription has been both higher and lower than this.

Colin Read congratulated Gordon for achieving a deficit of just £96 for Ladies Night despite the low numbers attending. However he was concerned at the proposed increase in the allowance for Ladies Night. He felt that Club should pay for bouquets etc but the general costs should be borne by those attending and not Club as a whole. Also over the past few years the allocated amount had not all been spent. Gordon emphasised that he had aimed for the event to be paid for without using the allowance, regarding it just as a safety net. The raffle had been very helpful and everyone had had the chance to attend. Expenses were likely to rise in future years, particularly with the band. Derrick Lynas agreed with Gordon pointing out that speakers at meetings were not paid for just by those attending the meetings.

Andrew proposed, seconded by Peter Lomax that the accounts and budget be approved and this was passed. Andrew thanked Paul Thackray for examining the accounts. He is happy to be the Appointed Examiner again and was so appointed.

8 Chairman's Report

Keith could have given the Chairman's Choice Award to many members. He presented it to Gerald Carter for his quiet, industrious and reliable work particularly on the directory and Christmas card. Keith thanked all of the Council members for their efforts throughout the year.

9 Induction of New Chairman

Gordon Knott was the only candidate and therefore was elected. Keith said that Gordon had been a brilliant, very active Vice Chairman and presented him with the Chain of Office.

10 Incoming Chairman's Remarks

Before Gordon had a chance to speak there was an interruption by Sue Treleaven and Juliette Turner who presented him with a Flash Gordon banner.

Gordon remarked that it had been a great pleasure being Vice Chairman. Keith had made life easy for him and it had been a wonderful year. Keith had done it his way.

For the coming year Gordon is aiming for fellowship, friendship and fun.

Gordon presented Keith a framed memento bearing the words of "Roll the Old Chariot Along". A chorus was sung. Gordon then presented Keith with his Past Chairman's Jewel.

11 Election of New Council

Gordon announced the nominees. The details are as follows :

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Vice Chairman	Richard Carter	Gordon Knott	Ian Stockdale
Secretary	Steve Wyatt	Gordon Knott	Richard Carter
Treasurer	Andrew Green	David Phelps	Bob Merrett
Social			
Meals	John Quint	Ian Stockdale	David Phelps
Membership	David Hirst	Gordon Knott	Steve Wyatt
Speakers	Ian Stockdale & David Phelps	Gordon Knott	Peter Lomax
Editor	Bob Merrett	Mike Callaghan	Peter Lomax
Press & Publicity	John Adams	Steve Wyatt	Richard Carter
Lay Member/ Health & Safety	Paul Thackray	Richard Carter	Gordon Knott

As there was only one candidate for each position Gordon suggested a block vote. John Quint proposed, seconded by Richard Blackiston that all the above candidates be elected and this was passed.

With regard to Social there is a committee in place. This system had worked well under Peter Lomax last year. Gordon asked for a volunteer to head the committee and coordinate events, but no hands went up.

Gordon presented Richard Carter with the Vice Chairman's Jewel. Richard said he had

not held a full Council position and felt somewhat unqualified for the post. However he had been made welcome from the very first meeting he attended and loved the Club. He will do all he can to support Gordon this year.

12 Any Other Business

For some years Bournemouth 5 have offered honorary membership to our Chairman and last year we did the same for their President. Our new Membership Officer, David Hirst, proposed that we offer honorary membership to the President of Bournemouth 5 for the year. This was seconded by Andrew Green and passed.

David Phelps reported that efforts are underway to form a new Ringwood Round Table.

In the absence of our Editor, Gordon announced the copy date which is 1 April (this is right and not an April Fool's joke). Gordon has not been given the name of the magazine.

Ian Stockdale told us the speaker for the April meeting will be Kevin Patience talking about aircraft and Poole Harbour from 1910 to 1970, particularly fitting as the view from Gordon's balcony is the harbour.

Peter Lomax said many had booked in for the Vinyl Evening, but more tracks were required. He is hoping for a wide variety.

13 Date of Next Council Meeting

9 April at Gordon Knott's - 7.30 pm

14 Date of Next Club Meeting

16 April at St Leonards Hotel - 7.30pm

15 The Meeting Closed at 10.53 pm.