

WYCHAVON PARISH GAMES ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 25th January 2023
At the Civic Centre, Pershore

PRESENT:

Doug Langdon, Chairman
Sue Collins, Secretary
Ian Chapman, Treasurer
Joan Parfitt, Committee
Dennis Stanley, Committee
Bob Gillmor, Committee
Nigel Goss, Committee

Steve Bowyer, Wick
Colin Townsend, Angling
Owen Robinson, Angling
Tracey Russell, Broadway
Mark Funnell, Norton & Lenchwick
Russell and Laraine Knight, Badsey
Dinah Griffin, Inkberrow
Sue Morris, Sedgeberrow
Cheryl Pope, Sedgeberrow
Ray Turner, Drakes Broughton
Nathan Chatterton, Eckington
David Saunders, Hill & Moor
Rich Evans, Offenham
Stephen Foster, Harvington
Steve Neal, Inkberrow
Andy Train, Fladbury/Bell Boating

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Matthew Winfield, Mayor of Pershore
Karen Robinson, committee
Rick Hartwell, Sedgeberrow
Ken Wood, Pebworth
Darren Selvey, Pool Organiser
Dan Curry, Offenham
Pebworth Parish Council
Steve & Jane Neil, Inkberrow

Tom Archer, Ashton-under-Hill
Ken Baker, North & Middle Littleton
Chloe Barratt

2. **WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING:**

Doug Langdon commented that after two years lost due to Covid and with some reservations about recovery we had done pretty well on balance.

3. **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022 (Previously Circulated)**

These were agreed as a true record, proposed by Joan Parfitt, seconded by Nigel Goss, and were signed by the Chairman.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.1. Item 6.3. Severn Trent: In answer to a question, our contact had left and they confirmed that they could not allocate on-going funding but only made grants to new community projects.

4.2. Item 8.1. Website: Sue noted that the website is up and running by courtesy of John Grove. It is basic but all the information is on there.

4.3. Item 9.1. Entry fees: Sue had e-mailed all parishes about the increase in fees with no negative responses and some positive replies.

4.4. Item 10.1. Public Liability Insurance. Doug reported that this is in place and asked all parishes to note the rules regarding insurance and data protection.

5. **CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY'S REPORTS**

5.1. The reports had been previously circulated and copies are attached. Some entrants had seemed unclear about the rules – Doug reminded the meeting that they are all available on the website.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

6.1. The Chairman introduced Ian Chapman who presented the accounts for 2022. Major problems had been encountered in changing signatories which had delayed payments.

6.2. Sponsorship: Doug has been trying to find an overall sponsor without success but is now investigating a possibility through a parish organiser. Severn Trent had been giving £500 p.a. but we are seeking significantly more; with Ian now in place we are working on budgets and hope for a longer-term deal. Sue reported that about half of this year's event sponsors were already agreed.

6.3. In answer to a question, Sue reported that Wychavon District Council had given grants many years ago and we had asked since but with no success. The current Wychavon chairman was at the Presentation Evening and seemed enthusiastic – it would be worth asking him direct again. It was also noted that Wychavon promote health and well-being which may be a useful angle and the possibility of involving Nigel Huddleston MP.

7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

7.1. Chairman: Doug Langdon was proposed by Sue Collins, seconded and carried unanimously.

- 7.2. Secretary: Sue Collins was proposed by Doug Langdon, seconded Joan Parfitt and carried unanimously.
- 7.3. Treasurer: Ian Chapman was proposed by Bob Gillmor, seconded Sue Collins and carried unanimously.
- 7.4. Executive Committee: Joan Parfitt, Dennis Stanley, Bob Gillmor, Nigel Goss and Karen Robinson were proposed *en bloc* by Sue Morris, seconded Steve Bowyer and carried unanimously.
- 7.6. Press & Publicity: We need somebody familiar with Facebook and websites; no volunteers came forward and parish organisers were urged to appeal for somebody. Evesham Journal had shown a lack of interest; Sedgeberrow had success with using WhatsApp groups.

8. DEBRIEF OF 2022 EVENTS

- 8.1. Sue said that the Angling had been a big success with thanks to Colin Townsend for running it over the years. He was now handing over to Owen Robinson.
- 8.2. Bell Boating had been brilliant and the new venue for Bowls worked well. Cross-Country had a few problems but will now use the park run course. There was some criticism of a darts venue; parish organisers need to be aware and consider using a neutral venue – it could be an issue for small parishes lacking choice of pubs and these parishes must not be excluded.
- 8.3. Five-a-side had suffered several dropouts. Petanque had a good day but Pool had a very slow start – away teams were not pro-active enough. Rounders was good. Skittles – Lorraine had indicated willingness to take over organising. Table tennis had a brilliant senior event but a lot of junior teams pulled out.

9. RULE CHANGES

- 9.1. Angling: Provision for disabled anglers will be included.
- 9.2. Bowls: Sue clarified that dates in the new rule will make sense but it needs more discussion in committee; the same rule will apply to other one-day events.
- 9.3. Five-a-side: Teams need to arrive on time – this should permit longer matches.
- 9.4. Rounders: Longer matches are being considered and allowing four men in teams of nine would fit with Rounders England.
- 9.5. Junior Table Tennis: Joan Parfitt asked to start half an hour later (1pm for 1.15). Proposed Steve Bowyer, seconded Joan Parfitt and approved unanimously.
- 9.6. Knock-out Events: A reminder that results should be reported to event organisers rather than Sue.

10. 2023 GAMES

- 10.1. Sue confirmed dates as follows:

Bell Boating – 24th June in Evesham
Rounders – 2nd July
Five-a-side – 9th July
Cross-Country – 17th July
Petanque – 23rd July **to be confirmed**
Bowls – 6th August
Angling – 16th September

Table Tennis – 8th October **to be confirmed**

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

11.1. Noted that we should recruit an assistant for Sue and a vice-chair.

12. **DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

12.1. Wednesday 8th February at Bretforton Sports Club.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.14 pm.

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CHAIRMAN