

KINETON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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Minutes of AGM held on Thursday May 19th, 2016, minutes prepared by Roy Harris.

Present:

Alan and Jane Hill , Dave and Sue Skelding, Clive Rickman, Paul Richardson, Andrew Cartledge, Frank Briggs, Marilyn Gabb, Terry Gabb, Debbie Johnson, Linda Nevill, Joan and Bill Bartlam, Terry Bell, Brian Lloyd, Paul and Mary Pettit, Kevin Flowers, Haydn Dunant, Richard Flynn, Roy Harris

Apologies : Mel and Gill Codd, Huw Rees, Grahame Steer, Steve Cadd, Linda Harris, Brian Weston, Robert Townsend, Heidi Cartledge, Mark Nevill, Ron and Christine Povey, Keith Stanley, Richard Townsend, Sandy Mitchel, Pete Betteridge, Dave Maloney, Alan Barker, Nil Weston, Barry Shipton.

Minutes of Last AGM and Matters Arising

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous AGM held on May 22nd 2015 was **proposed approved** by Andrew Cartledge and seconded by Terry Gabb. The Committee had reviewed the rules relating to Members partners and the decision was that they should be treated as Guests and the Club rules relating to Guests were to be applied. The problem with flat lemonade was caused by a faulty dispenser, this has been resolved. There were no other matters arising.

Chairman's Report (Alan Hill)

Alan welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. A positive year, our financial situation is sound, membership has increased and the numbers of people who use the Club has gone up. Bowls had success in their leagues, were bringing in new members and thanks to Steve Cadd and Debbie Johnson had continued to run the Friday Skittles.

A big positive for the Club was the success both the Cricket and Football Sections achieved in encouraging youngsters to participate in Sport and it was good to see members putting in time and effort to get the qualifications required to become effective coaches. Kineton youngsters had provided the guard of honour at Edgbaston when England played Australia and had entertained the crowd during the lunch interval. Of special note was the encouragement given to the girls to participate in Cricket and Football and this is reflected in the success our Girls Cricket side achieved in winning competitions.

Alan expressed his thanks to Andrew Cartledge for doing such a great job in maintaining the Grounds and playing surfaces and to the Gardening Club for assisting with the planting. Visitors to the club regularly commented on what great facilities we had available.

Darts and Dominoes had had good successes and Snooker now had two teams.

With regards to entertainment, audiences for films had increased and the Acoustic and Folk nights were popular. Kineton Gardening Club was blossoming. Thanks were given to Simon Saunders for organising the Quizzes. The Entertainments Sub-Committee was successful in running an increased number of events. Thanks were given to Robert Townsend and Kevin Flowers for running the lottery and for raising the money that funded much of the entertainment over Christmas and New Year. The Club had joined the Live and Local organisation and we had had three successful and profitable events (Theatre, Live Music and Improvised Comedy and these had attracted many visitors to the Club.

Caravan Rallies, Classic Car and Motorbike Rallies, Sealed Knot and Kineton Music Festival were major revenue generators for the Club attracted lots of visitors and built on the Clubs reputation, Alan expressed his thanks to Mel Codd, Clive Rickman and Ian Smith for their work in coordinating the organising of these events. Thanks were given to Mel for organising the BBQ's the money raised paid for a lot of the entertainment put on at the Club.

The Club had installed new training and car park lights and additional heating in the hall. We were about to go to tender for quotes to upgrade the Toilets; we have had three quotes to build a patio at the front of the Club and are awaiting two other quotes; we have asked a Professional Bar designer to give us ideas as to how we should approach modernising the Top Bar. £3400 has been received in Grants from WCC Tourism, Kineton Parish Council and G4S (thanks to Ruth McFarlane) and this has been used to help fund KMF and to get the licence to show Free to Members Films.

This year KSSC will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary and there will be a Celebration day on September 11th organised by Football, Cricket and Members of the Committee. The Club is keen to obtain photographs, memorabilia and memories people may have of the formation of the Club and Sue Skelding is coordinating this.

Finally Alan thanked all the members of the Committee who were stepping down for all their support and thanked Kevin and his Bar Staff plus Nigel Rose for all their hard work and support.

Treasurers report (Dave Skelding)

Positive picture. Bar Takings increased by £21,500; Gross profit up from 49% in 2015 to 51.6% in 2016; no **(remove word major)** increases in bar prices – thanks to good work by Kevin and Alan playing off suppliers to get best prices; increased profits from Fruit M/C and £7010 from Caravan Rally Fees and Hall Hire. Heat and Light costs lower thanks to energy saving projects, Wages under control. Reduced income from Grants, Insurance cost up slightly but level of cover provided has also increased, reduced telephone bills (we have 4 BT Lines) thanks to efforts of Andrew Cartledge to reduce BT costs. **Joan Bartlam requested a breakdown of our wages bill, Dave will E Mail Joan a summary.**

We have £28,000 in our Bank accounts. We will need to repay an interest free loan of £10,000 to Awards for All. Income from Solar panels currently around £2100 per annum plus what we save from the power we generate and use ourselves. £1500 transferred to KMF2015 profits to help fund KMF2016.

In summary our income is increasing, costs are under control and gross profits are up. We owe much of this success to the business generated from events like Caravan Rallies, Classic vehicle meetings, Sealed Knot and KMF, without this income the Club finances would be down and we would struggle to fund Capital projects.

Acceptance of the Treasurers report was proposed by Paul and Seconded by Debbie.

Dave Skelding asked those present to give him permission to use the same accountants (James Synge). He recommended them on the basis of a good service and competitive price. All agreed with this proposal.

Paul Richardson commented that the money spent on the Hall had been a very good investment. Paul suggested that as the Quiz run to raise money for the Swan Singers and increase bar takings for the Club had been such a success that we repeat the exercise on future occasions, **ESC to take this suggestion forwards.**

Paul Pettit asked for clarification on Kevin's role, was he the Steward or Bar Manager? Alan explained that Kevin was currently Bar Manager but Mel Codd would be holding a meeting with Kevin to clarify some aspects of his role. Paul explained that there was an incident that occurred with the Sealed Knot which he would have expected a Steward to manage and he also queried whether we should have

security in place to manage situations that had occurred overnight. **Mel to review with the Committee Kevin's role and steps we can take to manage situations at the Sealed Knot event.**

Section Reports

Bowls (T Gabb)

Winners of Kineton League, Runners up and promoted in the Courier. Green damaged by badgers, remedial work to keep them off the green seems to be working. One of the banks of the green had been rebuilt, thanks go to Chris Bassett for doing the work and the Club for paying for it; windows of the new pavilion damaged by vandals, windows replaced and the Club paid. Some new members. Thanks expressed to Andrew Cartledge for all his hard work and to Steve and Debbie for running the Skittle evenings. Race night had been a success, next one scheduled for June 18th.

Cricket (Haydn Dunant)

On behalf of the section Haydn thanked the Club for all its support. New covers purchased. Thanks passed to Andrew Cartledge for all the work he has done on the cricket square and grounds, Kineton is seen as having some of the best facilities in the Cotswold league and as a shining example as to how things should be done. Haydn passed on a vote of thanks to Paul Richardson who after 17 years had stood down as Chairman. The section now has over 100 members. Of note has been the success of the way Girls have been accepted into the game and had won their first tournament. No overseas player this year but thanks to support from the Parish Council alternative coaching opportunities had been arranged.

Football Juniors (G.Steer)

Good season, great attitude and good progress made by Juniors. Two teams entered in 3 Counties League scoring an impressive 44 goals. U8/9's battled well to achieve a brilliant 3rd place finish in an end of season tournament, U10/11's second in their League.

U10's and U11's split to compete in tournaments, U10's won, U11's 3rd. Section is developing links with Wellesbourne to develop both teams and allow players to play in age groups we cannot support. Two more coaches booked on FA level 1 training courses and the section should have a qualified Welfare Officer by June. Thank you to past players who come to training sessions to give advice and support and thanks to Andrew Cartledge for all his hard work. Encouraging signs that more youngsters were joining. Event planned for June 9th, Tournament June 11th.

Dominoes (Frank Briggs) – New team of players now established within the Club. Won League with 2 matches to play, Colin Betts has won the Grahame Freeman Singles Cup and John Randall and Paul Boneham won the Pairs Competition.

Darts (Terry Rooney) - Monday night **Darts team** won the C Division of the Stratford League and now get promoted to the B Division of the Summer League. There were a lot of notable contributions to the success in what was a strong league, Neil Weston scored 2X180's and on 52 occasions had scores of over 100, Nick Randall also had a 180 and in one match there were 38 scores over 100. The team did very well in the KO Cup only losing to the Division A Champions in a close match. The Summer Season League will start soon on Monday evenings and new darts players are very welcome.

Badminton (Sue Skelding) – Still play on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and the Monday Morning players now have 17 members. Sections have made donations to the club to fund improvements.

Film Club (R.Harris) – 23 films shown during the year. Broke our attendance record with 120 turning out for Lady in the Van, average attendance has again increased and many new members have now joined to watch films. Thanks to the Film team for their efforts during the year.

Table Tennis (Paul Richardson) – New initiative that seems to be attracting a lot of interest, for safety reasons we may need to split the section into Junior and Adult.

Kineton Music Festival (C.Rickman)- Clive summarised the objectives of KMF which were to raise money for local charities (£21000 so far); raise revenue for the Club (over £15,000 so far); provide a venue for local musicians (KHS very involved with KMF); create opportunities for the local Community to raise money or profile; to have a safe fun and friendly Festival for all the Family. Attendance grown from 850 to 1600 targeting 2000 this year, more varied food outlets, more facilities for Children and overnight security. We now run the Eve of Festival to entertain members and Campers. Planning starts in October, we need more volunteers. Early bird tickets with discounts for KSSC members now on sale. By giving all proceeds from ticket sales to charity we get more sponsorship and most entertainers offer services on expenses only fee.

Terry Bell mentioned that people were bringing their own drink into the KMF arena. Clive explained that this was a minority and it was difficult for untrained volunteers to search people's bags but we may ask our professional security personnel to perform this task.

Paul Pettit mentioned that the across the board £3 a pint at KMF and Sealed Knot did create a level of dissatisfaction amongst a few members. The Committee view was that these events were good fund raising events for the Club and at £3 a pint we were still competitive with the village, also, £3 made life easier for Bar Staff. Extra profits raised were invested back into the Club and we do run special events throughout the year when prices are reduced rather than raised. **Brian Lloyd suggested Committee to discuss whether a 'reduced prices' event could be run immediately after each '£3 a pint' event.**

Membership Update – as of May 19th there were:

383 Members (sports and social) - 430 in 2015
7 Life members – 8 in 2015
74 Associate Members – 66 in 2015
80 Junior members – 101 in 2015

207 Members and 45 Juniors yet to renew

Election of Officers.

Alan Hill – Chairman
Dave Skelding – Treasurer
Mel Codd – Secretary
Roy Harris, Clive Rickman, Huw Rees, Brian Lloyd, Steve Cadd (Bowls), Debbie Johnson, Graham Steer (Football), Haydn Dunant (Cricket), Robert Townsend was re-elected as President.

Constitution Changes

Roy Harris presented the proposed changes notification of which had been placed on Noticeboard on 17/04/2016 and in KSSC Update sent out on 04/05/2016. Roy explained that the current Constitution had been created in the 1960's, modified on a few occasions and contained a number of errors, omissions and anomalies. The changes proposed at this AGM did not address all the issues but focused on+ the following areas:

Replace him/he/his (37 references) with non-gender specific terms; changes to the composition of the Committee to make it obligatory that Cricket, Football and Bowls are represented; new attendance criteria for Committee meetings and the ability to ask a persistent non-attendee to stand down; Clarification about how the Club manages guests and the way we apply licencing rules to stay in compliance with the rules as they pertain to the Club's Premises Certificate.

On the change that modified the rules on size and makeup of the Committee Paul Pettit objected that this gave the Committee the authority to remove from the Committee representatives who had been voted on by the Membership and therefore only the members could vote them off. It was explained that voting someone off would be an extreme measure and would only be used when someone had failed to attend meetings for a significant period and had failed to give an apology or a satisfactory explanation. Committee members were voted on to represent the members who had voted them in, they could not do that if they did not attend meetings. Change was agreed by 17 votes for, 3 against, no abstentions.

The other changes were voted in 17 for 3 against, no abstentions.

Discussions on the Constitution and the proposed changes raised a number of questions and the following would be taken forwards to the next Committee meeting:

The Committee would put in process a review mechanism to modernise and update the Constitution ***and as per the rules defined in the current Constitution any amendments would be placed before the Membership for approval*****.**

Paul Pettit asked for clarification on what was a 'reasonable number' of guests that a member could sign in.

Paul also asked for reassurances that all changes would comply with CASC (voting rights for juniors needs clarification) and Licencing Rules.

We make better use of online facilities to present the changes to our Membership and get feedback before the final version is presented.

2017 AGM

The 2017 AGM will be held on Thursday May 18th

There being no other business Alan thanked everyone for attending, meeting close at 22:10.