

Minutes of the Open Meeting and Annual General Meeting of Seavington Playing Fields Association held on Thursday 28th July 2016 at the Millennium Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

Present: Sotiris Yiasoumi, Michael Harrison, Annie Prichard, Mark Ellis, Chris Gough, David Bennett

Jackie Priddle, Mr. & Mrs. G. Shaw-Brundell, Jenny & David Froome, John Tudor, Julie & Dave Retter, Heather Scott, Ray Thorogood, Karen Ogden, Lesley Young, Marion Bennett, Jill Bolton, Joy Willerton, Ros Clampitt, Ian & Terry Gibson, Karen & Steve Day, Lis Tope, Felicity Edwards, Nick Ellis, Sally Gough, Ray Catling, Pauline Parsons, Peter Ash, Sheila Reyland, Chris Reyland, Phil Eardley, Pauline Eardley, Ken Osborne, Tony Beresford, Michael Pollock, Janet Pollock, Dennis Smith, Elaine Edwards, Brian Edwards, Jim Beveridge, Gill Beveridge, Diana Valiant, Amanda Jagers, Sandra Harker, Andrew Harker, Abigail Norton, Joy Madge

Apologies: Harry O'Neil, Sue Spragg, Judy Gardiner, Anne Osborne, Terry Jagers

The chairman, Sotiris Yiasoumi, welcomed those present to the meeting, and said that the first part of the meeting would be to present to the meeting the details of the associations' five year plan and that this would be followed by the annual general meeting.

Open Meeting: Sotiris Yiasoumi outlined the charitable object of the Seavington Playing Field Association. It was reported to the meeting that the trustees had decided that the association should remain a trust, and that no change to the setup of the association would occur.

Sotiris Yiasoumi then presented the results of the trustees' discussions about the five-year plan to the meeting. It was stated that the initial list of items had been split into three groups; Long Term Projects, General Maintenance Items and those items which would not be taken forward.

The long term projects would have working groups to take them forward and these would report back to the committee.

The general maintenance items were tasks which needed to be done around the hall and playing field. A question was raised about the priority given to these tasks and Sotiris Yiasoumi said that this had not been done at present but does need to be done.

The final group consisted of those items on the initial list which the committee felt were not required or which could cause problems.

Ken Osborne asked if another item could be added to this list, and said that the sequence dancing group had suggested that carpet could be placed around the perimeter of the main hall – about 1 metre in width – which would protect the floor. Sotiris Yiasoumi said that would be added to the list of items.

A question was raised asking where the items on the five-year plan originated, and Sotiris Yiasoumi said that they had come from discussions he had had with people in the village.

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting: The chairman, Sotiris Yiasoumi, circulated the minutes of the previous annual general meeting. These were accepted by those present and signed by the chairman.

Ken Osborne asked if the minutes of the Annual General Meeting could be published, and Sotiris Yiasoumi said that this would be discussed at the next committee meeting. Chris Gough said that the draft minutes could be published on the village website.

Matters Arising: None.

Treasurers Report: David Bennett presented the associations' annual accounts, which had been approved at the previous committee meeting.

David Bennett reported that the net surplus for the past year for both the playing field and the millennium hall had increased, although income from fundraising had decreased.

The Parish Council is paying for the cutting of the grass, and this is to continue for the next year.

David Bennett thanked Tony Beresford for reviewing the associations' accounts.

It was stated that a second authorization for the associations' internet banking is required.

Pauline Parsons asked if any recompense from the hirer was being sort for the damage to the ceiling tiles. Sotiris Yiasoumi said that the associations' insurance company was in contact with the hirers' insurance company, and that the hirer had admitted to the damage.

Amanda Jagers proposed a vote of thanks to David Bennett for the annual accounts.

Chairman's Report and Annual Report: Sotiris Yiasoumi presented the annual report to the Annual General Meeting.

Sotiris Yiasoumi thanked Annie Prichard for organizing the Apple Harvest Supper and the Christmas Fayre, and also thanked various people for their help during the year.

It was stated that new equipment for the small play area was to be purchased using the money left over from the path project which was currently being held by the Parish Council.

There was some disagreement from those present about the contents of the annual report, and it was felt that this was too detailed in certain areas.

Election of Committee: It was stated that Harry O'Neill and Michael Harrison were resigning from the committee, and that David Bennett was resigning as a trustee but would remain as treasurer for the association.

At this point, Sotiris Yiasoumi resigned as the chairman of the association and from the committee, and left the meeting.

Chris Gough took over as chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

A vote of thanks was proposed by both the committee and those present at the meeting to Sotiris Yiasoumi.

Pauline Parson asked what the situation was with the committee and how many people were needed to bring the committee up to the required number. At present, Annie Prichard, Chris Gough, representing the church, Parish Council and Village Shop were the remaining trustees on the committee. Mark Ellis said that Gardening Club and Youth Group had both been asked to provide representatives on the committee. Karen Day, from the Gardening Club, said that the Gardening Club had responded to Sotiris Yiasoumi and that they would be represented on the committee. Michael Harrison and David Bennett both reconsidered their resignation from the committee and agreed to continue.

Annie Prichard, David Bennett and Michael Harrison were re-elected to the committee.

Chris Gough said that new members of the committee were needed, along with anyone who could help with other jobs, and if anyone was interested, to contact any existing committee member for details.

Questions: A question was raised about what should have been contained in the chairman's annual report. It was said that the last section of the report, which outlined the associations' achievements in the last year and which thanked those who had helped the association should have been the main part of the annual report.

Any Other Business: Ken Osborne said that he would be standing down as bookings clerk from the end of September, and outlined the reasons for doing this. John Tudor proposed a vote of thanks for Ken Osborne for the work he has done as bookings clerk, and this was accepted.

It was announced that the next planned meeting on Wednesday 7th September would be an open meeting so that anyone interested in joining the committee could attend.

Post Meeting Note: The date of the Open Meeting has been changed to **Tuesday 13th September** starting at 7.30pm.

The Meeting Closed at 9.30pm