

HARROW PETANQUE CLUB

OLD LYONIANS SPORTS GROUND PINNER VIEW HARROW HA14QE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE OLD LYONANS
SPORTS GROUND ON SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY 2006 AT 13:45

PRESENT

Joe Hoyle (President), Andrew Prince (Secretary), Graham Stone (Treasurer), Janet Baker, John Riches, Ray Impey, Simon Adamsdale, Nick Goodheart, Fidel Debono, Tom Creak, John Anderson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Alan Leadbeater, Bill Page, Jenny Page, Laura Prince, David Prince, Martin Baker and Orla Emerson-Creak

1) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS A G M

The minutes of the meeting were signed and accepted as an accurate record.

2) MATTERS ARISING

John A asked what had happened to the sum of £100 mentioned in the Treasurers report of last year. The President stated that as the future of the Harrow View site was not known this had not been spent but it was identified as part of the club funds and would be utilised as requested by Dan's widow.

Wilson Homes – they had pulled out of the purchase of the grounds, but there was another developer interested, Ray represents the Pétanque club on the OLSCC meetings and will keep the club informed of any developments.

Ray informed the meeting that George, the previous Bar Steward, had died a few months after the last AGM.

3) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This can only be called a Non Report. Last years AGM was attended by a total of only 9 members (of which 5 were the outgoing committee). Two committee members stood down and were unable to be replaced, and there was no nomination forthcoming for the post of President. Neither were there any nominations or volunteers for the posts of Piste Manager and Juniors Development.

In order to continue as a Club it was necessary to have a President, Secretary and Treasurer who are all current members of the EPA; and so the outgoing three remained in situ. Two other members continued on the Committee, thus making the very minimum number of Committee Members as required by the Constitution.

I made no secret of my disgust at the lack of enthusiasm, interest and assistance given by the majority of the membership. I pointed out that I would stay in post for another year purely to keep the Club in existence, and would not be putting as much time or effort into Club matters until there were some signs of a break in the apathy that prevails at the Club. Therefore only one Newsletter has been circulated this year – a reduction from seven.

Neither have I kept records for dissemination. Things that I comment on are purely from memory.

We did in fact manage to run two teams in the Thames Valley league, completing the fixtures with little problems (apart from winning enough games)

In Club competitions the following entries were received: - 10 in the singles, 9 teams in the doubles, and 6 teams in the triples.

In open events there were 10 entries in the Max Jorda Triples and 22 entries in the Fullers Cup

Social events were also poorly attended. Fireworks/Bonfire night saw 24 people playing boule followed by 29 people eating. Xmas Presentation event saw 14 members playing and 19 members (and partners) eating.

During August/Sept and effort was made to re-ignite Wednesday evenings as Club evenings with a series of melees. This resulted in between 12 and 18 people attending during the eight week period.

I may be wrong, but I believe that we have about 37 members (including juniors) too many of those appear to be members for their own reasons, and certainly do little to support the Club in its activities.

4) **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Nothing significant to add to the president's report

5) **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A statement of account was circulated. The accounts were again audited by Jack Baron.

As usual there is not much to say, as the balance sheets are self explanatory.

We have had some good and well organised competitions this year and realised an overall profit of £137.30. Thanks go to Andrew, Joe and Laura for running these.

The expenses appear rather high but this includes purchasing a leaving present for Rene.

There were no expenses on ground maintenance this year.

We have purchased a set of boules from Ed.

Although the membership has fallen we do appear to have approx the same amount of playing members, therefore the competitions have been well attended, so dedication and not quantity may not be so bad.

Unfortunately because of my shift patterns I have not been present at the club as much as I would like. As some of you already know I will be moving to Northampton around March time and will be leaving the club. I would like to thank all the members past and present for making it an enjoyable experience and for introducing me to the world of Pétanque. I do hope to get down for some of the Harrow opens.

6) **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

No report available

7) **PISTE MANAGERS REPORT**

No report available

8) **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

No nominations for any of the posts had been received before the meeting

President – Joe Hoyle indicated he was willing to undertake this role

Secretary - Andrew Prince indicated he was willing to stand

Treasurer - Graham Stone was leaving the area and thus leaving the club. Nick indicated he was willing to stand as treasurer. Jan also indicated she was. Nick withdrew his nomination in the light of Jan's offer.

Joe, Andrew and Jan were elected unopposed

Joe thanked Graham for all his support and effort he had put into the club over many years, this was echoed by the rest of the members.

General Committee Members: -Ray Impey & Tom Creak

Nick offered his services as Club Captain and Youth Development Officer; they were accepted by the meeting.

Ray offered his services as piste manager; he was often at the club now since he took on the role of bar steward.

Jack Baron had indicated he was willing to undertake the role of Auditor. John Anderson will act as deputy

All were accepted by the meeting.

9) Club Fees

We are awaiting the OLSSC to announce their fees for this year. For information the London Pétanque Association had kept theirs the same as last year, £13 Adults and £4 Juniors

10) THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE

It was decided that we would enter 2 teams this year and that the teams from last year would continue. If new players were found Nick said he would like to be involved with deployment of them between the teams. Nick suggested that if any members wanted to swap teams then they should have a chat with him.

11) Team Strip

Little interest had been expressed by general members. The meeting thought that the wearing of club strip at events like the Thames Valley midweek league would be good but difficult to "enforce"

12) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nick said that another New York trip was planned this year, 1st Bank Holiday in May, any one interested should contact him

The Battersea events, to replace the Thames Valley winter pairs, which we were not eligible to enter this year, had been successful. It was a good venue with lots of passing traffic. There was some concern that the event was taking people away from the Harrow club. We can enter the winter pairs next year.

Andrew asked if the timing of the HPC events, Triples Doubles, Singles, Bonfire and Presentation evening, were satisfactory. The meeting agreed they were. The committee would be setting the timetable at their first meeting, set for Monday 30th
Joe once again thanked Graham.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 14:35

..... PRESIDENT

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