

HARROW PETANQUE CLUB
OLD LYONIAN SPORTS GROUND
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE OLD LYONIAN SPORTS GROUND
PINNERS VIEW
HARROW HA14QE
On Monday 22ND JANUARY 2007 AT 8pm

PRESENT

Joe Hoyle (President), Andrew Prince (Secretary), Janet Baker (Treasurer), Nick Goodheart, (Club Captain), John Riches, Ray Impey, Tom Wilson, Kaoushik Gentilal, Tom Creak, John Anderson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Martin Baker

1) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS A G M

The minutes of the meeting were signed and accepted as an accurate record.
Proposed John Anderson, Seconded John Riches

2) MATTERS ARISING

To keep the matter active John Anderson again asked what had happened to the sum of £100 mentioned in the Treasurers report of 2005. The President stated that as the future of the Harrow View site was still 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.

3) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2006 has been another dismal year with failing attendances and rising apathy. Throughout the year we have had about 35 members. At the last AGM we had 11 members in attendance (of which 7 were existing Committee Members). At this AGM we have 10 members in attendance (6 of whom are Committee Members)

Club Competitions - attendance

- Triples event - 5 teams
- Doubles event - 10 teams
- Singles - 6 individuals

Social/Melees - attendances

- Bonfire Night melee/bonfire/fireworks/supper - 26 members and guests
- Xmas Presentation /Melee/Dinner Night - 11 players

Open Competitions

- Jorda Triples - 6 teams
- Fullers M/Pairs - 12 teams

Two other planned Opens were cancelled due to lack of entries.

During 2006 some volunteers have replaced some of the piste surround; dug out and laid a drainage pipe from the rear piste; and added extra lighting.

Social Hiring

In September, 5 members gave up a full day to organise/assist in the running of a Social/Melee/Bar-b-q for about 60 French people (organising French people is not easy). The end result was a possible yearly booking and a profit for the Club of £30.

Joe thanked the volunteers for the above mentioned efforts.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nothing significant to add to the president's report, there had been no correspondence and no meetings other than that of the 30th January 2006 where the events calendar was defined.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

A statement of account was circulated. The accounts were audited by Nick Goodheart and Ray Impey with the assistance of Jack Baron. Jack commented on the clarity and accuracy of the accounts.

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

We have a closing balance of £1,187.37 up £283.69 up on last year.

We have a membership of 42 (including 7 who are part of family membership)

6) CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

TURNING POINT FOR HPC

Nick thought that the situation was not as bad as made out by the two previous reports, there had been some highpoints, i.e. Harrow had provided the GB1 team of Rob, Ravi and himself.

John Anderson said that it was a pity we never saw Ravi and Rob at the club.

Nick's overall impression for 2006 – patient still in general decline – with some signs of recovery (maybe there are green shoots out there on the piste).

Club Champion Kaoushik

Obviously a quality player long before he arrived at HPC. However, over the last 2 years it has been good to see his triumphs in persistence in (a) getting to grips with the English Language and (b) subtleties of HPC.

League Pétanque

With the general decline of club over the years – this (and possibly Bream Sands) is the focal point of the club calendar.

Division I – Harrow Karrow

Big changes for this team in 2006:-

(a) Name

Which recognised that majority of juniors are now adults and that the team no longer required special status.

(b) Leadership

Mid-way switch from myself to Tom Wilson (who incidentally is one of those green shoots)

(c) Outcome

3rd in the league and semi-finals in the cup. Not bad. However, without Jean-Pierre and David Prince in the line up for 2007 Nick's forecast is that Harrow Karrow will remain a mid table entity and have little chance of breaking the hold of the Eagles.

Division II - Harrow Seniors

Well done to the Seniors and skipper Joe Hoyle with immediate bounce back and clean sheet.

A very good achievement. However, (maybe personnel problems for 2007 with personnel) and subject to that my forecast at best would be another mid table entity.

YEAR AHEAD

Some choices:-

1. Plod on with 2 mediocre teams now both in Division I

or

2. Select from both teams the best players to break the strangle hold of the Eagles.

7) PISTE MANAGERS REPORT

There had been very little activity other than the extra drainage and the addition of 2 more lights that will enable the small piste to be light.

8) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

No nominations for any of the posts had been received before the meeting. Joe stated that he had asked who was willing to stand again, Jan Joe, and Tom were not. Andrew had stated that he would take on the role of Treasurer or Secretary as necessary.

Joe stated that we needed three officials in order to function as an EPA affiliated club.

After a long debate Joe again offered his services as President

President – Joe Hoyle - Proposed Tom Wilson, Seconded John Anderson

Secretary - Andrew Prince – Proposed Joe Hoyle, Seconded John Anderson

Treasurer – Tom Creak – Proposed Andrew Prince, Seconded Ray Impey

Joe, Andrew and Tom were elected unopposed

Joe thanked Jan for her work over the last year and time she had given to the club over the past years. Jan said she would still be around and would help where ever but really wanted a break from the committee.

Club Captain – Nick Goodheart offered his services – Proposed Ray Impey, Seconded Tom Wilson

General Committee Members: -

Ray Impey – Proposed Tom Creak, Seconded John Riches

John Riches – Proposed John Anderson, Seconded Joe Hoyle

Tom Wilson – Proposed Andrew Prince, Seconded Nick Goodheart

The above were elected unopposed

Ray offered again indicated he was willing to be piste manager

9) Club Fees

We are awaiting the OLSSC to announce their fees for this year. For information the London Pétanque Association have had to increase theirs this year as the EPA have increase theirs, Thus £15 Adults and £4 Juniors.

10) THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE

This subject created a heated debate centring on;

- the number of teams we should enter based on the number of players we expected to be available.

- how the teams would be picked, should we try and create a team that could topple the "Eagles" or enter two medico teams.

We have around 13 players who can be counted on on a regular basis; we have potentially lost 5 players for various reasons since last season.

After a very long debate, John Anderson proposed that we should enter two teams, seconded Tom Wilson.

Carried: 7 for 2 against

The selection of the teams was then debated, should players be allowed to stay in the same teams as last year or could the Club Captain select.

Again after a long debate it was put to the vote, to allow the Club Captain the ultimate decision

Lost: 2 for 4 against 3 abstentions

However it was agreed that the Club Captain could approach players and ask if they would move to strengthen teams for the benefit of the club.

Nick that stated that he as Club Captain should decide in which teams new members should play as they has no previous association with either team, it was pointed out that they might have, as they could be a friend of an existing member, however the principle was accepted.

It was suggested that the committee should meet in a couple of weeks to finalise arrangements.

11) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Received proposition

AMENDATION OF ITEM 5C OF CLUB CONSTITUTION TO NOW READ: -

"The Club General Committee will each have ONE vote at Committee Meetings and the President shall, in the event of an equality of votes, have a second or casting vote"

This was discussed and carried 4 to 1 with 4 abstentions

Events Calendar

The calendar would be run in a similar way to last year; Andrew stated that we would like to have a break from running the vast majority of events, both Harrow and London. The Committee would meet to discuss the scheduling of these events, at least the EPA this year had defined some regional days.

Team Strip

There was a view that all persons representing Harrow at competitions should wear a team strip. There is currently one though many members don't own one. The cost should be investigated by the Committee when it first meets.

The Meeting thanked Jan for her services to the club over many years and wished her well in her "short" break from the committee

Meeting closed at 10:05 pm

..... PRESIDENT

..... DATED