



MINUTES OF 2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was held on 3rd July, 2003, at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre at 8.00pm.

Committee members present:

Stuart Kennedy	Chairman/Secretary
John Farrington	Treasurer
Mike Robinson	Mens Results Secretary
Sue Unwin/Chris Pawley	Mixed Results Secretary

Clubs represented were:

All Saints, Bohemians, Cedar, Chalfont St Peter, Chalfont Monday, Chiltern Woods, Cygnets, Flying Feathers, Mandeville, Naphill, New Denham and Scots Hill.

Apologies:

Apologies had been received from Fiona Foy, Ladies Results Secretary and Beaconsfield and HCA.

The Chairman, Stuart Kennedy, called the meeting to order at 8.10pm welcoming all those present and inviting representatives to sign the attendance book. Copies of the accounts were handed out to each club.

Minutes of 2002 AGM

The minutes of the 2002 AGM were accepted as an accurate record of that meeting. This was proposed by Julia Strong of Mandeville and seconded by Keith Glynn of Chalfont St Peter.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman confirmed that the 2002/2003 season had been relatively successful but that the number of member Clubs had fallen to 21 following the demise of Veterans. He confirmed that the League currently comprised 4 Mixed divisions, 3 Mens and 2 Ladies.

In terms of tournaments, he confirmed that again the Levels Tournament had not been well attended and that although the Mixed Tournament had not suffered the same fate, the number of clubs entering from the lower divisions was very disappointing. It was agreed that tournament dates would be finalised and issued prior to the forthcoming Wycombe Fixture Meeting. Julia Strong of Mandeville suggested that dates also be checked against County matches.

The Chairman advised that the Trophy Presentation/Quiz Night had proved successful, as had the prompt return of trophies for engraving. The system of obtaining signatures for each trophy had certainly helped in this respect. He

commented also that it was nice to see some new faces at this particular function.

In terms of the BAOE, Stuart Kennedy advised that no further approaches had been received regarding affiliation and there were no plans to pursue this at this stage.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the Association's accounts, reporting that a profit had been made of £226.70. This was primarily due to a reduced loss on the tournaments due to hall hire and increased profits over last year on the Quiz Night.

The Treasurer advised that further expenditure is due in from the trophy engraver but that this should be offset when receipts from the sale of additional trophies are included.

Results Secretaries' Report

Ladies: On behalf of Fiona Foy, Mike Robinson advised that the leagues had run very smoothly with 32 games in total, 9 of which featured a 2-pair team. Congratulations were extended to Dragon and Scots Hill who consistently put out a full team.

Mens: Mike Robinson reported another trouble-free season with 72 games played, 5 of which were conceded and 16 featuring 2-pair teams.

Mixed: Sue Unwin/Chris Pawley reported a relatively settled year for the Mixed League with 144 games played and a total of 16 featuring 2-pair teams. This figure was reported as being 50% up on the previous season. However, the number of conceded matches was down. The only problem reported was that of poorly filled-in result cards, resulting in a fair bit of chasing to sort out. It was confirmed that the KO Cup had run smoothly.

Election of Officers

The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for the Committee positions and in the absence of any response, the committee was re-elected enbloc. This was proposed by Triona Tierney of Cygnets and seconded by Steve Emptage of Mandeville.

The Chairman advised that Sue Unwin and Chris Pawley would be resigning from their shared post as Mixed Results Secretary at the end of the 2003/4 season and confirmed that a replacement would be sought. He requested that all club representatives ascertain if any of their club members would like to volunteer for this post.

Appointment of Auditor

It was agreed that John Nunn would be approached to undertake this role.

Any Other Business

- i. Registrations - Stuart Kennedy raised the issue of the 14 day notice from registration to eligibility and after discussion, a vote was taken on whether this should be reduced to 7 days. The response was unanimous in favour of this amendment.
- ii. Ladies League – Stuart Kennedy advised that consideration would be given to reducing the Ladies Leagues to 2 pairs per team and confirmed that feedback on this issue would be requested on the entry forms. Discussion took place regarding the additional cost to each player if this were to happen and also the possibility of running perhaps one large league. It was concluded that no firm decisions could be made until feedback from the entry had been assessed.
- iii. Entry Forms – these were given out to all clubs attending and representatives were requested to ensure that these were passed to the relevant members to be completed and returned by the end of July.
- iv. Quiz Night – after lengthy discussions, it was advised that a decision on the format of the Trophy Presentation Evening would be made by the Committee but that the selected date would be publicised as soon as possible.
- v. Fixture Meeting – Stuart Kennedy confirmed that the date would be circulated to all clubs as soon as possible.
- vi. Website – Stuart Kennedy advised that improvements were underway for the website and that additional information could be added to each Club page if so desired.

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm