

# **DANEHILL AND CHELWOOD GATE SOCIAL CLUB LIMITED**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB ON 26 MARCH 2024 AT 7:30 PM. 30 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE.**

K Usher (Chairman) took the chair and opened the meeting at 7:40pm, thanking members for coming.

### Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Marc Donfrancesco.

### Adoption of minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 14 November 2023.

It was proposed by J Wright, and seconded by M Cobby, that these minutes were adopted. This was unanimously approved by the members present.

### Matters Arising from the minutes of the 14 November 2023 EGM.

There were no matters arising.

### Treasurer's Report

M Cottenham presented the accounts for the year ending December 2023.

Turnover	£ 41,614	(down 15.5% on previous year)
Gross Surplus	£ 22,525	(down 31.6% on previous year)
Admin. Expenses	£ 33,706	(down 8.7% on previous year)
Surplus/Deficit	£-11,181	

Of the deficit of £11,181, the sum of £4,689 was attributed to depreciation. The effective trading deficit for the year before depreciation was £6,492.

Gross profit on the bar takings was 51%.

He noted that 2023 had been another difficult year and that this was not unexpected (in both 2021 and 2022 the Club received government COVID related grants which helped boost revenue). However, the measures taken to increase sales and profitability were starting to show benefits and 2024 should show an improvement over 2023's figures.

He explained the honorariums vs wages for the benefit of the meeting: Honorariums are payments made to committee members who worked for the Club, in lieu of wages.

M Mitchell asked about the subscriptions revenue not being a round number. M Cottenham explained that this was the amount, net of VAT.

M Wells asked who was funding the Club's trading deficit. M Cottenham replied that there were some members providing these funds, classified as long-term loans in the accounts.

It was proposed by B Henderson, and seconded by M Mitchell, that the accounts be approved. This was unanimously approved by the members present.

## Secretary's Report

P Thornton reported that there were 30 members present, with a quoracy of 10 and thus the meeting was quorate.

There were 100 fully paid-up members at the time of the meeting, with two new pending memberships awaiting a committee meeting. The total membership at the end of 2023 was 84 members and he remarked that it was very good to have the membership over 100 again.

There have been 19 new members so far this year.

He thanked members for their continued use of the Club, and for those who attend events – it is greatly appreciated and necessary for the survival of the Club.

He thanked the committee for their continued hard work – there is a lot of work needed to be done by a lot of people and “many hands make light work”.

He thanked Julie Wright and Sophie Wright who are standing down from the committee at this AGM. They have both provided a huge amount of support to the Club in a number of key areas. He also thanked Gary Richardson who stood down earlier in the year for his work for the Club.

He thanked Carole Thornton for her support on Friday afternoons with the tea/coffee/cake sales.

A final thanks went to all of the unsung helpers – both committee members and others who quietly did the unglamorous jobs that go un-noticed but are important.

He then addressed the Club's financial situation. At the 2023 EGM, the membership and committee agreed to re-visit the profitability of the Club at this AGM. The Q1 revenue for 2024 is improved over the same time period in 2023, and the tail end of 2023 was improved over a similar timeframe in 2022; and the increased engagement with members attending events is certainly helping. He ended by saying that we need to keep this momentum going to ensure that 2024 is a profitable year.

M Wells asked if the Club's membership list is available to members as stated in the rules. P Thornton responded that it would not be made publicly available in the Club due to GDPR considerations. It may be possible to make it available for inspection by members, the committee will take advice on this. P Thornton said that he can confirm if someone is or is not a member, should another member ask.

## Chairman's Report

K Usher remarked that, as usual, M Cottenham and P Thornton had already thanked everyone that he wanted to thank!

He went on to reiterate his thanks to the members for their use of the Club, and to the committee for their hard work in helping to turn the Club's fortunes around.

## Election Of Officers

The following officers were elected unopposed by the members present:

President	Mark Hardy
Vice President	Sharon Gregory
Chairman	Keith Usher
Vice Chairman	Bradley Woodward
Secretary	Paul Thornton
Treasurer	Murray Cottenham

The officers were elected unanimously on a show of hands at the meeting.

### Election Of Committee

The following have indicated that they are willing to stand on the committee: Peter Coldbreath, Ben Corkett, Nicola Corkett, Marc Donfrancesco, Samantha Gray, Trevor Gregory, Barry Henderson, Mark Mitchell, Paul Thornton (who appears here as the secretary role does not automatically place him on the committee).

The committee was elected unanimously on a show of hands at the meeting.

### Resolutions

P Thornton introduced one resolution to be voted upon:

- i) *To disapply the need for a full audit of The Club's accounts in 2024 as permitted by section 84 of the Co-Operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.*

He explained that there was a mechanism by which the Club can avoid the increasing expense of a full audit, and this was permitted in the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies act 2014. The resolution proposed is the formal process by which the membership can disapply the requirement for the audit. The Club's membership approved a similar resolution in 2023.

He explained that the committee recommended voting for this resolution, as did the Club's accountants.

This resolution was passed with 30 members in favour, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

### Re-appointment of the accountants

M Cottenham recommended that the membership re-appoint the Club's accountants, DMC Partnership, for another year. They represent good value for money and have always done a good job for the Club.

It was proposed by Bradley Woodward, and seconded by Ian Hutchison that DMC Partnership be re-appointed. This was unanimously approved by the members present.

### Any Other Business

There was no other formal business submitted in advance of the AGM.

P Thornton opened the meeting to the floor for any informal AoB.

M Mitchell asked where the rules could be found. P Thornton stated that the rules were somewhat out of date but that printed copies were available, and he had an electronic version.

M Wells asked, on the subject of the rules, if the new committee were going to update them. P Thornton acknowledged work done on the rules in the past by M Wells; and confirmed that the rules would be updated.

I Hutchison asked if an EGM would be called to address a rule change. P Thornton confirmed that any change to the rules would require approval at a General Meeting.

Closing Remarks

K Usher again thanked members for attending the AGM, and closed the meeting at 8:32pm

Signed as a true record:

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K Usher – Chairman

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