

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

## **MINUTES OF THE 45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB ON 8 JUNE 2016 AT 8:30 PM. 17 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE.**

K Usher (Chairman) took the chair and opened the meeting by welcoming members to the club's 45<sup>th</sup> AGM and thanked them for coming.

### Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

### Adoption of June 2015 EGM minutes.

The minutes for the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 17 June 2015 were presented.

K Usher reminded members that in 2015, a computer issue led to the delayed production of the 2014 minutes and finalisation of the accounts and they were not available at the time of the AGM.

Therefore, a subsequent EGM was called to approve both the minutes and accounts.

It was proposed by Liz Barnard, and seconded by Paul Thornton that the EGM minutes were adopted as a true record.

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the EGM minutes.

### Treasurer's Report

M Cottenham gave the treasurer's report, and presented the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015.

Turnover	£70,000
Gross profit	£38,406
Admin. Expenses	£44,074
Surplus/Defecit	£ -5,668

Of the deficit of £5,568, the sum of £4,805 was attributed to depreciation so the effective trading deficit for the year was £863.

This was a broadly similar final position to the year ended 31 December 2014. However, the breakdown of the turnover showed reductions across the board:

Sales of refreshments down 6.3% on 2014.

Subscriptions down 7.1% on 2014

Fruit machines down 17.7%

Juke box/video games down 51.1%

M Cottenham went on to note that trading conditions were tough and that the club continues to struggle.

### Secretary's Report

B Clark resigned from the position of secretary during the year, and P Thornton was co-opted to the position of secretary by the club committee. He therefore gave the secretary's report.

He opened his report with further comments about the club's financial position and reminding everyone that the deficit was small enough to turn around with just a little extra use. He expressed the hope that this may be possible in the current year.

He stated that there were 84 fully paid-up members of the club at the time of the AGM.

He discussed how more live events were being held and that a number of local bands enjoyed playing in the club. These events may not appeal to everyone but finding a niche to enable the club's survival was important. Other users of the club premises for parties and receptions continued and that broadened our appeal beyond the small number of regular members.

He reminded everyone that the phrase 'use it or lose it' very much applied to the club and hoped that in the coming year the club could become more of a hub in the village around the post office and other village events.

He also added that the committee were keen to keep prices very competitive to reflect the style of the club and not end up as expensive as a normal pub.

### Chairman's Report

K Usher made a brief report, stating that he echoed what had been previously said.

The club's financial position was still difficult but if members wanted the club to still be here next year the best thing they could do was to make use of the facilities.

### Election of Officers

The following officers were elected unopposed:

President	Gerald Lucas
Vice Presidents	Dot Adams Rodney Cobby
Chairman	Keith Usher
Secretary	Paul Thornton

### Election of Committee

K Usher said that there were only 5 nominations for the 9 committee member posts. The following 5 committee members were therefore elected unopposed, and they could co-opt to fill the 4 vacant positions if required:

Dale Clark  
Barbara Clark  
Martin Cobby  
Ben Corkett  
Paul Thornton

Annette Gurr stated from the floor that she would be willing to serve on the committee, and was thus co-opted to fill one of the vacant positions. K Usher thanked her for offering.

#### Re-Election of Auditors

It was proposed by Paul Thornton, and seconded by Les Barnard, and agreed by all that DMC Partnership, Yew Tree House, Lewes Road, Forest Row should be re-elected as auditors for 2016.

#### Closing Remarks

There being no other formal business submitted 14 days before the AGM, K Usher closed the meeting at 9:15pm and thanked everybody for coming.

Signed as a true record:

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K Usher – Chairman

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Date