

DANEHILL AND CHELWOOD GATE SOCIAL CLUB LIMITED

MINUTES OF THE 50th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB ON 14 JULY 2021 AT 8:00 PM. 10 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE.

K Usher (Chairman) took the chair and opened the meeting by welcoming members to the club's 50th AGM and thanked them for coming.

Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Robin Wood, Sophie Wright and Carole Thornton.

Review of minutes of 49th Annual General Meeting.

P Thornton advised that these minutes had already been adopted as a true record of the meeting at the September EGM, but as they were from the most recent AGM they were presented for transparency and informational purposes.

There were no comments raised relating to this meeting.

Adoption of minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting held on 23 September 2020

The minutes for the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 23 September 2020 were presented.

It was proposed by Mick Wells, and seconded by Julie Wright that the EGM minutes were adopted as a true record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes. M Wells noted that if this was the 50th AGM then the club was 51 years old.

Treasurer's Report

M Cottenham gave the treasurer's report, and presented the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Turnover	£25,801	(Down 31.6% on previous year)
Gross surplus	£18,705	(Down 2.9% on previous year)
Admin. Expenses	£20,192	(Down 21.8% on previous year)
Surplus/Defecit	£ -1,487	

Of the deficit of £1,487, the sum of £4,721 was attributed to depreciation so the effective trading surplus for the year was £3,234.

Gross profit on the bar takings remained stable at 48.62%.

The overriding reason for the reduced figures was the closure of the club for a large part of 2020 due to the COVID restrictions.

Sales of refreshments down 60.47% compared to the previous year.
Subscriptions remained almost the same as the previous year.
Fruit machines down 46.02% compared to the previous year.
Juke box/video games down 57.55% compared to the previous year.

The club was eligible for, and received, the government COVID grant of £10,000 in 2020; and a further £9,600 in government COVID support in 2021.

M Cottenham went on to comment that it was a difficult year and that this year would likely be another difficult year.

M Wells asked about the long term loans to the Club, and noted that we should try to pay these back. M Cottenham replied that these were loans made to the Club by members and that some of the outstanding balances had been paid back to them during the year.

Mick Wells proposed approving the accounts, Ben Corkett seconded this. There was a unanimous vote to approve the accounts.

Secretary's Report

P Thornton confirmed that the meeting was quorate with 10 members present.

He went on to report that as of 13 July 2021, the number of fully paid up members was 103. This was the first time it has been over one hundred for a number of years, and this time last year (in 2020) membership was 59. The committee - especially Julie Wright and Sharon Gregory - have been very good at promoting membership benefits, and he hoped that one side effect of lockdown might be that a local Club would continue to see this level of support. Having subscriptions online really helped with both new members and renewals.

He thanked the members, committee, other helpers for a lot of hard work in the year; especially Murray Cottenham during a period of financial uncertainty; and Mick Wells for assisting him when high workload was in the way of Club business.

A special thanks was paid to Mick Wells, Robin Wood, Gary Richardson, Jean Wood for their very hard work during the year with renovations and decorations etc.

P Thornton pointed out that whilst the Club was allowed to open again, no events were possible. We could not have parties, bands, or any of the other things that generate good bar takings - and we very much look forward to those coming back.

He ended thanking all of the committee for their support. He explained that both K Usher and he have been exceptionally busy since lockdown commenced and they are aware that they have been distracted by work during the year, and the assistance from other committee members was greatly appreciated by them.

Chairman's Report

K Usher made a brief report, stating that as is often the case, P Thornton had thanked everyone he wanted to before he had a chance. He expressed thanks to the committee and Carole Thornton, the new Club staff and all other helpers of the Club.

He looked forward to the Club being able to open, and return to some normality, soon.

Election of Officers

At the start of the meeting, the position of President had a proposer and seconder, but the individual had not accepted the post and was not a fully paid up member at the time of the meeting. This made him ineligible to stand.

P Thornton then proposed that Mark Hardy for the position of President, M Wells seconded that proposal. Mr Hardy had previously indicated to the committee that he was happy to accept this position.

The following officers were elected unopposed by the members present:

President	Mark Hardy
Vice President	Rodney Cobby
Chairman	Keith Usher
Secretary	Paul Thornton
Treasurer	Murray Cottenham

Election of Committee

There are nine spaces on the committee and current committee all indicated that they wished to re-stand: Gary Richardson, Sophie Wright, Ben Corkett, Mick Wells, Sharon Gregory, Robin Wood (as and when he is able), Jean Wood, Paul Thornton (who appears here as the secretary role does not automatically place him on the committee).

These were all elected unopposed by the members present.

There is available space on the committee and anyone wishing to join is most welcome to do so, and additional members can be co-opted during the year by the club committee.

Re-Election of Auditors

K Usher invited a proposer to re-elect the auditors, DMC Partnership.

M Wells asked why we used this particular firm, and how long we'd used them for. M Cottenham replied that they were local and cheaper than the alternatives he'd looked at, and that we had used them for 10 years.

M Cottenham stated that he prepares the accounts and they audit them - so there wasn't a chance of the auditors "marking their own homework" in regard to the Club's financial statements.

It was proposed by Paul Thornton, and seconded by Gary Richardson, and agreed by all that DMC Partnership, Yew Tree House, Lewes Road, Forest Row should be re-elected as auditors for 2022.

Any other business

P Thornton advised that there was no additional formal business submitted to the committee in advance. He asked the members present if they had any other business.

M Wells advised members present that the Club was applying to Danehill Parish Council for a grant to assist with the replacement of windows.

Closing Remarks

K Usher closed the meeting at 8:55pm and thanked everybody for coming.

Signed as a true record:

K Usher – Chairman

Date

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