Minutes: Special General Meeting (SGM) - 2nd Aug 2024

Following the election of Mark Bockle as Chairman and resignation of several previous committee members at the AGM the club constitution requires the Chairman to call a SGM to elect a new Club Secretary and Treasurer. This meeting was duly held in the clubhouse at 6pm on Friday 2nd August and overseen by Stan Reid on behalf of the club Trustees. The meeting was attended by 35 club members and incoming committee members which was sufficient to form a quorum of 20 members required by the constitution.

Stan called the meeting to order and thanked people for their attendance. Stan went on to explain the formal purpose of the meeting and offered candidates Dave Wareham and John Kelly (Club Secretary and Treasurer respectively) the opportunity to briefly introduce themselves. On conclusion of those introductions Stan oversaw a short election.

Dave Wareham was duly elected as Club Secretary ... proposed by Janet Lewis and seconded by Sarah Reeves.

John Kelly was duly elected as Treasurer ... proposed by Sarah Reeves and seconded by Rich Bryant.

Concluding the formal aspects of the SGM Stan passed the meeting over Mark Bockle to provide an informal update to members the highlights of which included:

Appointment of new committee members - MB confirmed the committee was largely complete with many volunteers stepping forward to help. New / replacement members are now in place in the following key roles:

- Dave Wareham Secretary
- John Kelly Treasurer
- Marc Flynn & Hannah Robbins Commercials / Sponsors
- Simon Davis Membership
- Andy Brook Facilities
- Gill Reid Health & Safety

Review of recent chairman's update - MB summarised key messages from his recent update to members the essence of which was - MB overwhelmed by the support from members and villagers - the finances remain precarious but we continue trading our way out of our predicament and remain optimistic - thanks to the commitment of Danny A, Matt P & the committee we have ticked all the necessary boxes and football is live and well at Grigg Lane!

Work party update - SR provided an update on the work party program. Significant and visible progress has been made in cleaning and painting all areas of the ground. Plus great progress on variety of maintenance jobs, rubbing back and painting the fourth bridge (aka pitch rails), mowing / strimming / general clean up of the entire site, touching up paintwork throughout the clubhouse. Even Bobby the Badger has had a face lift! A further work party is planned for Sun 4th as we continue ticking jobs off the list. Many thanks to all volunteers for their continued support.

Q&A - A short Q&A session was held during which Colin thanked MB for standing for Chairman and members generously applauded the new committee for stepping in (let's hope members feel the same way in a few months).

On a serious note MB was asked "what happened to the money raised at Brockstock in May?". MB stated that entire sum raised was taken up paying off previously accumulated debts and Brockstock running cost for which no provision had been made ahead of the event.

Finally, MB confirmed that now the committee had been formally elected / appointed minutes for our future meetings will be made public and published on the club notice board.

Meeting closed at approximately 7pm