

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 8-00 p.m.

### 1 Present

- 1.1 A list of the 20+ attendees is attached.

### 2 Apologies

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Bob Robinson, Nicola Widdison, Stephen Widdison, Ram Mylvaganam, Ken Peaker, Barry Turley, Matthew Cooke, Nige Kitson, Sue Jacklin, Guy Williams, Kieren Wilson, Mike Stockdale.

### 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013 had been available for viewing on the association's web-site for over eight months, and on the association notice-board for four weeks. Copies were circulated to the meeting. They were proposed as being an accurate record of that meeting by John Wigley, seconded by Steve Usher and approved by the meeting.

### 4 Matters Arising from Minutes

- 4.1 There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

### 5 Chairman's Report

Nigel reported as follows:

"First of all my thanks go to my colleagues on the Management Committee – to President Bob Robinson, to Secretary Doug Old and to Treasurer Nicola Widdison, who is standing down after her first year in the position, due to work commitments. Thanks to the section reps, Tim Hall, cricket, Dave Wightman CJFC, squash and racketball rep Stephen Widdison, who also put in a lot of spadework helping Nicola in her role as treasurer and in standing in for me in the Chairman's role in my all too frequent absences, to Ken Peaker, Boston Spa Hockey club and our co-opted member Steve Osborne. I would also like to thank my fellow Trustees, Bernard Jacklin, David Ball and John Wigley, who are custodians of the lease here, though we have not met with our landlords the Parish Council for some time now. Thanks to our independent reviewer, Anthony

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Kettlewell, who gave the year-end accounts the benefit of his scrutiny. Thanks also to Margaret and her small team for their work during the year.

This has been another reasonable year in financial terms, more of which from Nicola shortly. In spite of the difficult times in which we live, we are still managing to trade well ahead of the general market. What we still need is very simple – more people in the bar, more often, spending more money! Functions can make a big difference to us, and to try and make more people aware of what we have to offer, please do whatever you can to encourage friends and neighbours to make use of our excellent facilities. Speaking of which, we continue to do the best we can to maintain and improve the facilities and fabric of the building. Over the past eight years we have invested in the region of £150K in the premises, some of it on areas which are unseen, until they fail - like the roof. Some of that investment has been funded by grants, ably sourced by Stephen Widdison, and the brewery loan which contributed to the 2006 refurbishment has almost been repaid. The Management Committee maintains a list of future projects, prioritised in order of importance to the preservation/improvement of the premises and as you may imagine, that list never seems to get any shorter. One unplanned spend this year has been a loan to CLCC of £4k to fund the purchase of a replacement heavy roller, but there are two items which keep on nudging the top of the list: the refurbishment of the gents' toilets and the replacement of the badly worn out and now vandalised timber cladding on the rear of the squash courts. Both of these have been out for quotes and each has come in at around £13k. Stephen has been seeking grants for these for a couple of years now, without success. The maximum spend on a single project which can be authorised by the Management Committee is £10K, so each would require the mandate of an AGM/EGM. I am asking for a mandate from this meeting for the Management Committee to spend on just one of these projects, at its discretion, in the current financial year. We have the funds as you will see from the accounts shortly. Any questions please?”

At this stage various questions were raised by members attending and it was then agreed that the requested mandate would be to proceed with the refurbishment of the gents toilets only; not the cladding.

On this revised basis the mandate to allow the Management Committee to proceed with that project up to a cost of £13,000 without further reference to the members via an EGM was proposed by Doug Old, seconded by Ed Dabrowski and approved by the meeting.

Nigel then continued with his report:

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"In 2017 our lease from the Parish Council falls due for renewal. As I mentioned earlier historically the Constitution has placed responsibility for "ownership" of the lease with the trustees, who have always, as far as we can determine, operated in their role without a trust deed, that is to say that without a formal set of operating parameters they could not be recognised as a legal entity. New legislation indicates that moving forwards, any new lease must be registered to a legal entity with the Land Registry, which will present us with a dilemma. As CALSA is a legal entity with authority vested by the Constitution in the officers, it seems sensible for the new lease to be applied for and registered to CALSA, thereby as it is their only responsibility, negating the need for Trustees.

Work is underway on the necessary amendments to the Constitution, together with a few tweaks to attempt to keep the wording and sense of the document in tune with present times and needs. The revised document will be submitted for approval at next year's AGM.

### SECTION REPORTS

#### SQUASH & RACKETBALL

As most of you were here for the squash AGM I see no need to repeat the squash report. Don't forget the club finals night on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, from about 4.00 PM onwards.

#### CRICKET

This has been a momentous year on the field, probably, even surpasses the double winning Year in a certain context. We took the bold decision to promote our youth, dispensing with the expense of paid players and set out the objective of not being relegated, managing to finish 6th in the Premier Division of the Aire Wharfe league.

The second team did get relegated as the first half season performances deserted us.

Our President Smarts - Martin Jacklin has been our president for the past three tenures stood down at the AGM, with thanks from the members for his hard work.

#### COLLINGHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

CJFC continues to be a major contributor to the local sports scene, with over 250 players involved from the ages of 4 through to Seniors. The younger age is thriving with as many as 60 boys and girls in reception and just above training on Saturdays and playing friendly games. As the children grow up they move into more competitive league football, initially at 7 a side, then 9 a side moving to 11 a side when under 12. We play mainly in the Garforth League testing ourselves against the best clubs in the area.

Last season we won 2 leagues and reached the semi-finals of 2 cups as well. The club enjoys a good reputation in the area for good quality football. We renewed our Charter Standard status again this year.

This season we have had a successful Christmas Dinner attended by over 80 parents, we are taking 190 children and parents to the Leeds-Fulham game on December 15<sup>th</sup> as part of the LUFC Grassroots scheme.

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Our finances remain healthy despite the economic climate. We have increased subscription costs this year but still remain very competitively priced in the area. With a combination of subscriptions and fundraising we expect to balance accounts or possibly have a small surplus this year.

We have a great team of parent coaches who give fantastic service to the club. Due to the large numbers of players and teams we are now using pitches in East Keswick and Boston Spa in addition to our main pitches at CALSA and Collingham Primary School. We also train at GSAL on their astroturf pitch.

We always welcome new players and parental support

### BOSTON SPA HOCKEY CLUB

Boston Spa Hockey Club mens 1st, 2nd, 3rd and ladies teams last season managed to maintain their positions in the league. The 4th team were promoted and were runners up in a cup competition. The aim this season is to try and get promotion for both 2nd and 3rd teams to narrow the gap between the 1st team. The last 12 months have been relatively uneventful social activity wise but we are looking forward to the new social secretary improving matters. We are very happy with the arrangements at CALSA and look forward to continuing our association for many years to come.

### TENNIS

The club continues to be healthy both financially and with new memberships especially family memberships. Following fund raising this year the club was able to make improvements to the front fascia of the clubhouse which has much improved the look for the local neighbourhood and will keep the clubhouse much drier for the coming winter. Team tennis continued and the club will run a mixed and a ladies team for the coming 2015 season. Social gatherings were well supported including the summer BBQ and the annual quiz night held recently at CALSA. Coaching will continue in parallel with ACTC and new members are of course always welcome, details of both are on the CALSA and thisis22 websites.

That concludes a rather lengthy Chairman's report. Are there any questions?"

## **6 Financial Report**

- 6.1 Nicola Widdison circulated copies of the 'Accounts for the Year Ended 31st August 2014' – a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- 6.2 Nicola gave an explanation of the accounts and answered questions raised by members present.
- 6.3 Nicola was asked to obtain a copy of the Cricket Section bank accounts to verify the figures presented to CALSA as some members were doubting their accuracy. The constitution gives the CALSA treasurer the authority to demand this and she agreed to do so.

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### **7 Election of President**

- 7.1 Bob Robinson was proposed by John Wigley, seconded by Matthew Cooke and approved by the meeting.

### **8 Election of Officers**

- 8.1 Nigel Cooke's appointment as Chairman was proposed by John Wigley, seconded by Barry Turley and approved by the meeting.
- 8.2 Doug Old's appointment as Treasurer was proposed by Nigel Cooke, seconded by Matthew Cooke and approved by the meeting.
- 8.3 Stephen Widdison's appointment as Secretary was proposed by Nigel Cooke, seconded by Steve Osborne and approved by the meeting.

### **9 Election of Independent Financial Reviewer**

- 9.1 Anthony Kettlewell was proposed by Nicola Widdison, seconded by John Cockill and approved by the meeting.

### **10 A.O.B.**

- 10.1 David Wightman asked that it be minuted that no representatives of the Cricket Section were present.
- 10.2 Ed Dabrowski and others asked if the Squash and Racketball Section were subsidising the Cricket Section. It was confirmed that this was the case as the CALSA accounts showed that without the Squash and Racketball contribution there would be a substantial loss. It was also pointed out that the Bridge Club contributed more financially to CALSA than the Cricket Section.
- 10.2 As at the 2013 AGM, Steve Usher suggested that there was a need for a more dynamic approach to generating ongoing social activity at the club-house. Nigel welcomed Steve's suggestions. Steve was invited to join the CALSA Management Committee as a seconded member, to put together some concrete proposals and to present them, together with an action plan to achieve them, at the next CALSA Management Committee Meeting. He accepted the secondment.
- 10.3 There being no other business the meeting ended at 9-12 p.m.

Approved by:

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Chairman

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Secretary