

Minutes of Evesham Rowing Club Annual General Meeting

Thursday 25th July 2019

Present: - John Lomas (Chairman), Martin Frangleton (Vice-Chairman), Will Baker, Jonathan Bomford, Chris and Sue Bull, Tony Buttler, Richard Chinn, Sarah Coldicott, Richard Evans, Richard Forrest, Julie Foster, Karen Gayler, Neil Healey, Lisa Hobbs, Mal Jablonska, Gabi Jones, Jason Lane, Sue Lomas, Carol Lovelock, Andy and Helen Mitchell, Dave Perry, Nicki Pettitt, Jon Phipps, David Pollard, Pauline Pollard, Keith Rafter, Tony Rowland, Karen Sexton, Terry Sexton, Helen Sharpe, Grantham Speake, Robert Speake, Liz Stranks, Janet Sumner, Martyn Sutton, Richard and Jude Taylor and Hannah Wood. (40 Members)

Apologies for Absence: Simon Andrews, Catherine Arkell, Amanda Baker, Wayne Betteridge, Andrew Crowther, Simon Edwards, Rob Fisher, Frances and Paul Heneghan, Rose Ind, Christina Ireland, Paul and Claire Lees, Duncan and Heather MacDonald, Dawn Nutton, Terry Parkes, Steve Penrose, Nicola Perry, Hana Reid, Lara Robinson, Debbie Staite, Sally Vale-Fisher and Louise Woodward. (24 Members)

Minutes Silence for :- Henry Hawker, Ron Ind, Jenny Jones, Ron Keyte, Trevor Nottingham and Keith Willoughby.

Confirming the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 5th July 2018

Numerous acknowledgements – No objections.

To consider Matters arising from last year's Minutes – No matters arising.

To consider and adopt Chairman's report

Firstly, thank you all for your attendance.

My first job is to update you on the progress, or rather the lack of it, with our subsidence claim. If any of you are unaware it is on the side of the Club opposite Crown Meadow where the squash courts back wall joins the downstairs training room and the upstairs ladies shower area. There is a large Sycamore Tree very close by situated in the park on Wychavon DC's land. The very dry summer last year caused the tree to consume vast amounts of water which was the major factor contributing to the subsidence. A test hole was dug in the drain under one of our drainpipes and a large tree root was found right alongside our wall. This prompted our insurance company to make a request to Wychavon for the removal of the offending tree. We have had numerous visits from surveyors and structural engineers since January and Subsidence Monitoring Metal Discs were installed at the end of April which will be checked after three and six months to see if the subsidence has stopped. We will have to wait until both this monitoring process and the outcome of the Wychavon tree removal request before any remedial work is carried out. A copy of the latest surveyor's report which I have received confirms that the monitoring process will have to be followed.

I have given most of my thanks in the Annual Report, so I will not keep you much longer. It has been another year when I have been proud to have chaired an Executive Committee with such committed officers and members. As well as working tirelessly for their own sections they have equally contributed to overall Club business. My thanks to them all and I am looking forward to working with them again for another year. I am also delighted to see that after many years, names have been put forward for Social Captain and Social Vice-Captain. These positions are vital and their input has been missed. Hopefully we can now look forward to some social events on the horizon.

I am delighted about how much progress we have made in the last year and excited about the forthcoming year. I look forward to seeing you all join in and help me and the committee with our vision. Finally, as always, I give my special thanks to Sue even more so than normal as tomorrow she will have put up with me for 50 happily married years. I couldn't have done it without your help – Thank you very much.

Proposed by Jonathan Bomford, Seconded by Richard Evans

Development Report from Martin Frangleton, Vice Chairman

Another productive year for the club with a focus on internal decoration, the car park, and further establishing the business of running the Boathouse-business (bar, room hire, café, etc).

You have hopefully all noticed the much-improved corridors throughout and the new floor in the upstairs corridor. We all owe a huge thank you to Carol Lovelock and Dave Perry for decorating the downstairs corridor and stairwell, and also to Simon Edwards (and Carol again) for decorating the Boardroom and painting the outside (fire escape) stairs. Just a few among a small army of volunteers who help to keep the club going.

Our new onsite office should be the catalyst to begin professionalising some of the club's administrative functions such as membership management and oversight and payment of day-to-day bills/invoices.

We still have much to do....

A huge amount of time has already been spent by the committee in assessing the project that is the car park.... This is not a small undertaking and with a potential spend estimated around £80k for the whole car park we have to make sure we engage the right supplier with the right specification and the right quality assurances. The project will be run over a number of build phases over the next few years. In addition a 'refresh' of our front entrance porch is a must to promoting our image across both sport and non-sport income (functions, bookings etc).

The bar itself is in dire need of a rebuild, it is becoming inadequate for funning larger functions and operating during busy periods, e.g. large club events and local festivals. We have a plan for the layout (thanks to Mary Boyle) but have not yet found a fitter with 'the right price' – any thoughts on this would be much appreciated.

A huge challenge faced by the club is promoting the club ethos across new and existing membership..... the ethos that we are a members-run club and can only be successful through the help of 'volunteers'.... And not the same dwindling group of volunteers each time there an ask. We all 'own' part of the club and need to keep reminding each other of that fact.

To Consider and Adopt sections reports

Proposed by Jonathan Bomford, seconded by Dave Pollard.

To Consider and Adopt Treasurers Report and accounts

Proposed Martyn Sutton, seconded by Bob Speake

To Consider and Adopt any rule changes – there were none.

To Consider and Approve the proposed Executive Committee Subscription increases

JL stated that the increases recommended by the Executive Committee were in line with inflation. Increases were supported unanimously (none against)
Proposed by Tony Rowland, seconded by Chris Bull

Election of Officers -

JL Proposed and Paul Heneghan proposed all of the Vice-Presidents – all in favour, none against.

Vice Presidents – Geoff Barnet, Pat Burton, Lisa Hobbs, John Johnson, Sir Peter Luff, Richard Mumford, George Oxley, Henry Pearce, Dave Perry, Sally Redgewell, Mike Sanger-Davies, Bob Speake and Enid Walker.

Post	Candidate	Proposer	Secunder
Chairman	John Lomas	Tony Rowland	Dave Pollard
Vice Chairman	Martin Frangleton	Tony Rowland	Dave Pollard
Honorary Secretary	Sally Vale-Fisher	Bob Speake	Sue Bull
Honorary Treasurer	Paul Heneghan	Lisa Hobbs	Howard Livesley
Social Captain	Hannah Wood	John Lomas	Martin Frangleton
Social Vice Captain	Granthan Speake	Richard Chinn	Neil Healey

To ratify the Executive Committee decision to appoint Mr Nigel Huddleston M.P. and Mrs Pauline Pollard as Vice-Presidents

Proposed by Tracey Goldstraw, seconded by Tony Rowlands
This was carried unanimously

All of the above – no other nominations – all in favour – none against

Any Other Business

1. It was noted that the 99 year lease was up for renewal in 2045. JL and Tony Rowland had entered into discussions to try and renegotiate new terms. The current lease was costing just £27 per year. Unfortunately the Rudge Estate wanted the annual cost to increase to £3,650 per year immediately to secure a 15 year extension to the lease. The meeting requested that no extension be secured at the current time and to attempt further negotiations.
2. It was noted that the LTA had changed their safeguarding measures and Evesham Rowing Club had successfully passed the assessment.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed

Date