

TROJANS CLUB LIMITED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 30TH NOVEMBER 2021 (VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE) – 7:00pm
Draft MINUTES

Attendees: Mike Watts, Sarah Harrigan, Campbell Williams, Stefan Hargrave, Malcolm Le Bas, Peter Reid, David Law, David Henderson, Ian McMorran, Mike Murray, Stephanie Clark, Tony Field, Nigel Le Bas, Martyn Lucas, Ian Bullivant, David Grinham, Alan Bamford, Simon Gibbons, Bill Phillips, Sandy Hill, Alistair Shires, Piero Parera, Nick Scott Healey, James Laird

Apologies: Trish Thompson, Wyn Jones, Richard Roberts, Graham Churchill, Des Legg, Sandra Coffin, Marcus Coffin, John Noble, Stephen Prince

1. Introduction by MW

Special General Meeting held in July 2021.
SC has been appointed Company Secretary.
Quorum of 20 as per paragraph 34 of the Articles of Association deemed met.
All attendees were deemed able to vote in accordance with the constitution.

2. Board Report dated November 2021 by MW

All attendees received copy of the Board Report in advance of AGM. MW provided an overview of its contents and opening the floor to questions.

TF: Is there going to be a general discussion about any parts, e.g. the clubhouse project?

MW: No, there is no designated section in this AGM for that, and so any queries can be raised on that now.

TF: What progress has been made on the clubhouse project and how much cash do we need to build something the club would be proud of?

CW: Summarising that they have £351,000 secured from Eastleigh Borough Council related to the housing development next door, £350,000 from Test Valley Council from a community infrastructure levy pot that was granted last year. There are two formal grant letters confirming these and the funds are safe in their accounts on reserve for us. £25,000 from a different partnership pot from Test Valley Council, again with a formal grant offer. Funds are now up to £726,000 to spend on the clubhouse which is an impressive start but not enough to build what we want. These funds will also go towards VAT requirements but we are able to claim some of this back. The soft cost initially looks to be in the region of £1 million but that can only be seen as indicative given what we know.

CW stated that they are looking into other grants and other sources of funding.

Sporting Assets (social enterprise company) undertook club-wide questionnaire to determine what funding would be available from its members. They have identified a significant sum to fill in funding gap and a number of other grants to choose from.

Work is being done on tendering some architects, interviews on Thursday where they will be asked to provide a budget.

MW: At present, the timeframe looks to be late Spring 2023. MW commended CW's hard work in obtaining the grants. CW and MW are looking to co-ordinate sessions with members to promote engagement with the process.

MLB – Pleased with the Board Report.

No further questions on the Board Report, deemed received.

3. Annual Accounts 2020 - NLB

2020 has been impacted by Covid-19 but thanks to all sections which have been paying their memberships, even when there has been an impact with restrictions.

As a company, we broke-even but all sections are healthy financially.

There was an increase in club maintenance, electrical maintenance and the kitchen. Funds were required towards fixing the roof which had been leaking. At present, the clubhouse is in need of regular maintenance and any new clubhouse is likely to save money in terms of maintenance.

NLB opened the floor to questions – no questions or dissenters. Accounts deemed approved.

4. Barclay's Trojan of the Year Award

MW commending the efforts of CW in terms of leading on projects and coaching, as well as NLB being Chair of Cricket and Finance Director.

Award given to Richard Roberts for leading the under 14 hockey club at the National Cup; RR unfortunately not present to receive.

5. Election of Directors

All proposed directors are outlined in the Board Report. During the SGM, MW assumed the role of Chairman, relieving CW in the process.

President and Finance roles need to be formally elected each year. MW nominated President and NLB for Finance. No dissenters/abstainers.

The remaining directors are elected for a period of time rather than annually. MW referring to names set out in the Board Report and requesting approval of the names and their proposed durations.

SH has requested to step down and discussions ongoing for replacement.

All nominated directors were approved. No dissenters/abstainers.

Questions:

TF: Numbers at the AGM few. Members should be encouraged to attend and understand the issues of the club to see if they can have any input.

MW opened floor to observations.

SH: Majority of members are children and the pool is arguably not as large as believed. As a cohort, we need to work on diversity in all areas. On a section level, it can be difficult getting numbers in due to pre-existing priorities at those AGMs.

MW: 4 – 5 committees have been started for various aspects like use of fields/grounds, governance etc. Proposal for a youth group so they can feed directly to the Board.

TF: Development project. Queries in relation to additional funds, how the clubhouse would operate, how we continue to maintain and afford the upkeep of it, additional members of staff, income etc. Should this be open to members?

CW: Sporting Assets have asked a number of questions to all members about how much they know about the development project, who would be willing to donate grants etc. Gas bills will increase substantially. Reach Fund are helping us developing a business case to give an idea what we can spend at the moment.

MW: During the year, MW used basic targeting operating model skeleton in terms of where the club might grow income streams and cost. Building at Hardmoor is underused.

MLB: Youth section is the majority at Trojans. How do we engage them and their parents when they do not have voting rights?

MW: We have tried to encourage a youth committee to get a voice going. Not the same as being a voting member but we tried to introduce the Associate/Affiliate member/social member of the club who can at least feel as though they are part and parcel of something rather than just a supporter. Communication and engagement is a big one, projects they can be involved in. We could go back to revisiting the constitution anyway, we need to revisit anyway in terms of options we may have in terms of social enterprise tax relief and opps to go back and revisit that. It is a debate that will continue to have.

SH: Are we maximising the club, in terms of the gym? Parents may want to be able to use that facility while their children are training.

TF: Do we have details of the parents so we can communicate them to see how they can engage with the club or help with other areas, or pay for a gym membership?

SH: It is more money, they are already paying for their children to play a sport.

MW: Lot of valid points, SH is correct in marketing what we have.

6. AOB

David Doughty from the Institute of Directors sadly passed away in September 2021. He volunteered his time to the club freely and assisted in drawing up the current Articles of Association.

MW was commended for the efforts and work he is putting into the club.

AGM ended at 8:00pm.