

WYCHAVON PARISH GAMES ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Monday 28th January 2020
At the Civic Centre, Persore

PRESENT:

Doug Langdon, Chairman
Sue Collins, Secretary
Nigel Goss, Treasurer
Joan Parfitt, Committee
Dennis Stanley, Committee
Bob Gillmor, Committee

Liam Ireland, Eckington
Russell and Laraine Knight, Badsey
Rick Hartwell, Sedgeberrow
Sue Morris, Sedgeberrow
Ken Baker, North & Middle Littleton/Table Tennis
Steve Bowyer, Wick
Carole Townsend, Wyre Piddle Parish Council
Anthony Perks, Pinvin
Viv Hall, Honeybourne
Ray Turner, Drakes Broughton
Jeevan Dhugga, Drakes Broughton
Ken Wood, Pebworth
Stephen Foster, Harvington
Karen Robinson, Bengeworth
Gary Robinson
Noel Fowler, Sporting Club Inkberrow

APOLOGIES:

Andy Train, Fladbury/Bell Boating
Harvington Parish Council
Peopleton
Robin Such, Evesham North/Skittles
Steve and Jane Neal, Inkberrow
Offenham
Darren Selvey, Pool

2. **WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING:**

Doug Langdon introduced himself as the Chairman, elected at last year's AGM and welcomed all present. His report is attached.

3. **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019 (Previously Circulated)**

These were agreed as a true record, proposed by Joan Parfitt, seconded by Sue Morris, and were signed by the Chairman.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.1. Item 4.2. Website. Mike Oakley is anxious to give up running the website; the Chairman is handling it for the moment but a volunteer is urgently needed and attendees were urged to ask around the parishes.

4.2. Item 10. New Event: Following last year's meeting, Keith Burton had withdrawn his proposal to include Dragon Boating in the Games.

4.3. Item 11.1. Trophy Valuations: The Secretary reported that valuations had been circulated.

5. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

5.1. The report had been previously circulated and a copy is attached. There were no questions.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

6.1. This was available on the night. The Treasurer reported a successful year only spending £10 more than the income. Year-end bank balance is £2871.18 with £2828.20 and cash of £42.98.

6.2. In answer to a question, the Secretary explained that entry fees are paid by Parish Councils against invoices – the fee is £6 per event entered with a cap at £60 per parish; players do not pay to enter. Angling is the only exception, costing Councils £9 to enter a team. Individual anglers may enter a voluntary pool with the winner receiving the "pot" but this is separate from the Parish Games organisation.

6.3. Gary Robinson asked whether Ed O'Brien from Severn Trent Water had been thanked for his past support. The Chairman explained that we thank Severn Trent each year but Ed had left and we have no contact details for him; Gary will supply an e-mail address and the Chairman will send a suitable message.

6.4. It was proposed by Bob Gillmor and seconded by Joan Parfitt that the accounts be accepted. This was carried *nem con*.

7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

7.1. Chairman: Doug Langdon said he was willing to serve; as there were no other nominations, his election was proposed by Sue Collins, seconded Karen Robinson and carried unanimously.

7.2. Vice-Chairman: There being no nominations, this position remains vacant and can be filled by the Executive Committee if they find someone to take it on.

7.3. Secretary: Sue Collins. Proposed by Karen Robinson, seconded by Sue Morris and carried unanimously.

7.4. Treasurer: Nigel Goss. Proposed by Bob Gillmor, seconded by Joan Parfitt and carried unanimously.

- 7.5. Executive Committee: Joan Parfitt, Dennis Stanley and Bob Gillmor were proposed by Karen Robinson, seconded Sue Morris and carried unanimously. The Chairman was keen to encourage others to join the Committee; Karen Robinson expressed interest. It was explained that the Committee usually meets quarterly at Bretforton Sports Club and Karen volunteered; she was welcomed by the Chairman.
- 7.6 Press & Publicity: we have not previously been able to fill such a role and attendees were asked to put the word out in search of a volunteer.

8. **DE-BRIEF OF EVENTS**

- 8.1. Angling: The Secretary reported that fewer Parishes took part this year but there were more full teams and it was a successful event.
- 8.2. Bell Boating: Andy Train's apologies but a brilliant day.
- 8.3. Bowls: Thanks to Viv and Joan for the event at Broadway. All bowls clubs in Wychavon had been asked – Aston Somerville will host on Sunday 13th September 2020 but parking there is limited. Pershore have expressed interest for 2021.
- 8.4. Crib: Tony Perks said it had gone well but captains need to give their e-mail addresses.
- 8.5. Cross Country: Another good event but too many runners had turned up for some Parishes; the Secretary urged organisers to read the rules carefully. There is some concern about Pershore High School being available due to building work – Noel Fowler advised that Sporting Club Inkberrow could probably help and Karen Robinson suggested asking Prince Henry's.
- 8.6. Ladies' Darts: The event had started earlier to avoid league matches but had struggled to get going because people had not read the paperwork.
- 8.7. Men's Darts: Dennis Stanley reported on the issue of a player mainly living in a different Parish which led to a proposed rule change but the doubles had gone well.
- 8.8. Dominoes: A brilliant event.
- 8.9. Five-a-Side: The running order had been changed but this will not be done again. Karen Robinson suggested that Evesham United may be able to host in 2021.
- 8.10. Petanque: The different system worked, resulting in all teams having at least two games.
- 8.11. Pool: Darren Selvey sent apologies but it went smoothly.
- 8.12. Rounders: The event went well with thanks to Chloe Barrett. Independent umpires and men playing had made a positive difference.
- 8.13. Skittles: Robin Such sent apologies. The Secretary reported an issue with date change requests.
- 8.14. Table Tennis: Ken Baker reported that four junior teams had pulled out and security issues at the school will be discussed nearer to the event.

9. **APPROVAL OF NEW CONSTITUTION**

- 9.1. The term “Parish Games” is being widely used so the opportunity was taken to review the constitution and the Committee recommended acceptance. It was proposed by Joan Parfitt, seconded Karen Robinson and approved unanimously.

10. **PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION POLICY**

- 10.1. The Chairman explained that this is necessary because of the GDPR regulations and will be kept under review as regulations are liable to change. We need name address and contact details and consent to share the data; a policy note and consent request will be added to all entry forms. Parishes must be mindful that we cannot pass details on without consent. In answer to a question, Parish Organisers’ details will be circulated. Adoption of the Policy was proposed by Rick Hartwell, seconded Steve Bowyer and approved unanimously.

11. **SUGGESTIONS MADE BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 11.1. Rule amendments for Men’s Darts, Five-A-Side, Rounders and Table Tennis were accepted without comment.
- 11.2. No telephone contact between 21.00 and 09.00 is required because of occasional and disruptive calls around midnight.
- 11.3. Residence: the issue had only arisen once, in 2019 and a change of wording to “where a player resides between more than one Wychavon Parish or Ward, they may only play for the parish or ward in which they predominantly reside” was agreed *nem con*.
- 11.4. Non-participation: with addition of “or organiser” after Parish Captain, this was agreed *nem con*.
- 11.5. Only named team captains to raise complaints and 2020 entries closing a week earlier to allow return of incomplete entries were accepted without comment.

12. **NEW EVENT**

- 12.1. Noel Fowler proposed including the Inkberrow Relay Race in future Parish Games. It is in its third year, fully licenced and regulated with Wychavon District Council handling road closures. Moving the event or holding it as a demonstration could be explored. He would cover all aspects of organising it but would need help confirming residency and with publicity. The entry fee was considered too high for Parish Games as entry for players is free and it would be hard to fit into the existing schedule; another event would have to be dropped to fit it in. In answer to questions, Noel reported that 25 teams from across the West Midlands took part in 2019.
- 12.2. The Secretary explained that the March date could not be part of the Parish Games as information cannot be sent to Parishes before Easter; Viv Hall suggested including information for 2021 in this year’s pack. A query was raised about potential conflict with existing sponsors.
- 12.3. It was agreed to tell Parish Organisers about this year’s event for people to enter if they wished. It would also be discussed by the Committee and at this year’s Cross-Country event with a view to a possible demonstration event in 2021.

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 13.1. Liam Ireland asked whether a Parish could be awarded a bonus if they won five events? Anthony Perks said that the close points difference kept things competitive – something to be considered at next year's AGM.
- 13.2. Karen Robinson reported a general lack of knowledge about the Parish Games. The Ward issue in Pershore and Evesham caused some confusion and difficulty raising teams.

13. **DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next Executive Committee Meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 10th February 2020 at Bretforton Sports Club.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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CHAIRMAN

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