



Borough of Reigate 41 Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – 17th April 2023

Grace was said by the Chairman, Alan Foot

1. Apologies and Welcome to Guests

There were 13 members attending. Apologies received were read by Eddie.

2. Minutes of AGM held on 11th April 2022

The minutes had been distributed and were agreed by a unanimous vote.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Reports

Dining Steward, Alan Reed

Alan's report was circulated during the meeting.

Locations and style of meetings had been varied and a 'simple' pub meal seemed to suit most members. The detailed information on attendances at meetings was noted. It still remained difficult to justify inviting speakers because of the low numbers attending. The Christmas Party, where 41 Club had joined Tangent, had been a great success. Alan queried whether the Club could meet occasionally on other days of the week if the activity suited. After discussion it was agreed that 'normal' would be Mondays, but that flexibility was not a problem to most members. The meeting recognised that Alan's role and dedication were vital to the Club, and he was thanked for all his hard work during the year.

Bob reported that the BBQ had been well attended by 45 people, including 13 couples from 41 Club, and had broken-even financially.

Treasurer, Derek Burningham

Derek's report and the financial statements for the year had been circulated prior to the meeting. These had been reviewed by Eddie, Honorary Auditor, for which Derek offered his thanks. Total Club Funds at the year-end were £977, and the result for the year was a deficit on General Account of £26. Notwithstanding the annual costs, it was felt that overall, the level of funds held by the club was satisfactory.

It was agreed that the £17 in the Charity account would be merged into the General account as the Club no longer had charitable activities. It was further agreed to transfer roughly £400 from the Santander deposit account into the current account.

The accounts were agreed by a unanimous vote and thanks were passed to Derek.

Derek reported that National capitation had been increased from £14.50 to £20.00 and he deferred a proposal for subs for 23/24 until after the Secretary's report.

Secretary, Eddie Warans

Eddie's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and he had suggested that a discussion was needed on the role of officers in the Club.

The Committee had met a few times during the year and discussed a proposal of whether, due to a lack of volunteers for Chair and Vice Chair, the Club should dispense with the specific roles of Chair and Vice, and instead organise meetings via the collective of the Committee. The impact of such a move would mean that no further name badges would be added to the Chairs chain of office, and no regalia would be purchased.

After discussion it was agreed that this committee approach would be adopted. A nominal lead person would be appointed for each meeting. National would be advised that the Chair would continue in Nationals records as remaining with Alan Foot, as a formality.

Committee meetings remain open for any members to attend and consider future activities.

Discussion then moved on to the rise in National subscriptions to £20, which was agreed at the National AGM, against the proposal of £16 tabled by the National Executive. Following the previous agreement about a committee type organisation, it was acknowledged that effectively now we were a friendship group. There is little chance of gaining new membership other than by transfers in of other 41 Club members moving house into our area. There was discussion on whether we should disaffiliate from the National organisation. It was thought that National would be getting feedback about the rise in subs and that their position might change, or at least a fuller explanation would be issued. Based on this surmise, it was agreed that the Club would discuss the matter again in October 2023 with a view to formalising a decision to remain affiliated or leave National. As a consequence of the discussions, the Treasurer did not make any proposal for 2023/4 subscriptions, which are payable to National in January 2024.

Eddie was thanked for his contribution.

5. Chair's report

Alan gave a verbal report elaborating on the excellent meetings that the Dining Steward had listed. He thanked the committee, and those who had organised events, including the BBQ, for their support.

Alan gave a tribute to Graeme Attridge who died during the year. A great friend to the Club and all its members over many years.

Alan was presented with a name badge for the Chair's chain of office together with a small gift.

6. Loyal Toast

7. Election of Officers & other committee members

Following the discussions initiated by the Secretary's report, there were no posts of Chair or Vice Chair.

Derek Burningham was elected as Treasurer.

Eddie Warans was elected as Secretary.

Alan Reed was elected as Dining Steward.

It was noted that Peter was the WhatsApp organiser for the committee and would add Fred to the circulation.

8. Other Business

Bob confirmed that the BBQ would be held on Monday 14th August 2023 and would cost £12.50 per head.

Kelvin reported that a Christmas meeting with Tangent was again being organised for Monday 4th December 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.54pm.

Eddie Warans
Secretary