

## Minutes of the A.G.M. of the Chester Over 60's League held at Cheshire View, Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Present There were 45 members present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

Obituaries A minute's silence was observed in memory of Bill Cross, Owen O'Hanlon (Cherry Grove) and Hugh Aldred (Waverton Queens) .

Apologies were received from the members of Waverton Institute as it is their annual dinner today and also from Barry Hipkiss, Peter Kendrick and Ron Antcliff (Tower), Sandy Clarke (Waverton Queens), Len Formstone and Alan Vickers (Cherry Grove).

The Chairman gave his Report in which he thanked players for rearranging their matches so efficiently, congratulated the winners and the Champions of the League (Hoole B) and gave a special mention to Selwyn by thanking him for his good support.

The Minutes of the Previous AGM were read and approved, proposed by John Crocombe and seconded by Ailsa Clegg. They were unanimously adopted.

Matters Arising. There were none.

Secretary's Report The Secretary (briefly) reported a good year in spite of some interruption from the weather. The Hermitage Cup, played within the league fixtures, seemed to have worked again. There were comments that the league season was too long. Two teams pulled out of the American Plaque and she suggested some items for discussion with relation to the 2018 fixtures which would be discussed later in the meeting. She thanked all those who had worked to make the competitions a success, congratulated the winners and thanked everyone else for taking part. She also thanked Paul Sugarman, Martin Amesbury, David Clegg, Jim Orchard, Liz Thornelow and Selwyn Callister wishing him a return to good health following his resignation as Vice Chairman.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer gave her usual very comprehensive balance sheet and report. She explained why the bill had risen for the inscription of trophies and also that the Burrows Cup had needed repair. The paperwork for the Redmond Cup had been misplaced so no charge will be made for entry to that competition this season. We will pay for the room today out of league funds. She thanked Ray Ash for auditing the books. The balance sheet was adopted as a true record proposed by Rob Seabrook and seconded by David Clegg. It was unanimously accepted.

There were no questions for the Treasurer.

(The Chair moved Item 13 to here.) Election of Officers. The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary will remain the same for a further twelvemonth and John Bailiff was unanimously elected as new Vice Chair. Ray Ash will continue as Auditor.

Proposals . There was one proposal "that the age limit to join a club be reduced to 58 or 55." After a lengthy and complicated discussion including a show of hands in favour of changing, it was pointed out that this should either be a card vote or an Extraordinary General Meeting should be called.

However, as not all teams had discussed it with their members it was finally decided to hold a Captain's meeting possibly in January at St. Werburgh's Club where each Captain would vote on behalf of his/her team and the draws for the Hermitage Cup and American Plaque would be done.

There were three Discussion points.

1. The word "league" had been omitted from Rule 3i. This was to be inserted
2. The Secretary explained the circumstances why Cherry A could not field 6 players for the American Plaque final on the day and apologized to the meeting. She congratulated Waverton Institute as worthy winners.
3. After a discussion it was agreed that only team names would be disclosed on the Burrows Cup draw with individual names being added on the first day at point of entry.

League Programme for 2018. After a discussion it was decided that the League Programme would follow the same pattern as last year as Easter 2018 is earlier and it would be possible to finish the season earlier in September. The Hermitage Cup will be played during the first part of the season and the American Plaque during the week immediately following the end of the league programme. The Burrows Cup will again be the final event.

The Venue for the Burrows Cup. This competition will be held at Cherry Grove B.C. for 2018

Presentation of Prizes All the 2017 winners, runners up and semi-finalists of the team, pairs and singles competitions were presented with their prize money and, where appropriate, their trophy.

Close. There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending; he also thanked Freemasons for allowing the meeting to be held once again at Cheshire View.

The Meeting Closed at 3. 40p.m.