

Shalbourne Club AGM 2022/2023

19/06/2023
19:00
Shalbourne Pavilion

Type of meeting: Annual General Meeting

Facilitator:
Philip Matthews

Minute taker:

Kelly Delaney

Agenda

Apologies	PM
Minutes of Previous Year's AGM	PM
Matters Arising	PM
Chairman's Report	PM
Financial Report	LS
Election of committee members	PM
Update on current year	PM
Any other business	All

Attendees

Philip Matthews, Larry Sargent, Kelly Delaney, Linda Waters, Bill Bird, Bob Walker, Jeremy Gayer, Mike Lockhart

Apologies

Charles Scott

Minutes of Previous AGM

Proposed and seconded, signed by Philip Matthews

Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Chairman's Report April 22 - March 23

April 2022 - March 2023 was the first full financial year free of any sort of Covid based restrictions and saw us start the year in a good position having paid off all outstanding loans and a bank balance in the black. We also saw an increase in bookings for events and weddings and were in fact quite surprised how many bookings we had when Jeremy asked the rest of the committee for help with opening and closing the pavilion for events and produced a spreadsheet. This is great for us as the pavilion is now becoming self supporting which was always the intention.

We left last years Chairmans report leaving you on the brink of your seats re our mowing woes. Early in the year a new tractor was found, bought and delivered and the gang mowers returned from being restored. I am happy to report that there have been no mowing drama's this year.

During this financial year, we saw another successful May Day which seems to grow each year. This is not a Shalbourne Club event but we do run the bar and BBQ which both pretty much sold out. As summer approached, a travelling theatre company booked the pavilion and field for one of their shows which again, we provided the bar for. This was a show of true English grit as despite a pretty heavy and prolonged shower, the brollies went up and the show went on. The poor actors and actresses were soaked to the skin at the end but they didn't bat an eyelid! The next event we staged was the Classic Car Show which by last summer was well and truly back up to full strength. It was a magnificent show and by making use of the whole of the sports field, we managed to get more in without it looking over crowded. I know we have all said this many times, but Shalbourne Club are hugely grateful for all of the help from our volunteers and for the Hosiers letting us use their field for parking. Without either of these, the show simply would not happen. We arranged Carols on the Green in December which was kindly hosted by Peter and Anne Marie at The Plough. We missed Joanne Pollitt's accompaniment, but hope she is back with us this Christmas. Due to various reasons the final event for this financial year, the Burns Night supper held in January, was handed over to Peter and Anne Marie at The Plough. As a committee, we all agreed that this was a much better venue in late January than our cold hall and subject to Peter and Anne Marie, will be held there in the future.

With the income from our bookings, May Day and the Car Show, we were able to replace some our Club crockery, get some field works done, general maintenance and make contributions to other village causes which, for those of you who were around

pre pavilion, will know we always used to do. We had a mismatch of all sorts of plates, dishes etc which included some contributions for which we were grateful. However, with a growing number of hirers putting on catered events, we have replaced all of the crockery and cutlery with an 84 place setting. Nothing went to waste however and all the old crockery was donated to a homeless shelter in Newbury who were very grateful. We also replaced the fridge in the bar which was struggling to keep our Rose cool, obviously a must for Shalbourne. We had discussed for some time putting a parking area next to the pavilion so that people are not parking in The Lynch or the tennis court end and having to walk over the field, especially in winter when it is wet and cold and we cannot allow cars on the field. This was finally laid last summer along with the bonfire area being cleared and levelled. We have had a number of complaints, particularly at larger events, of the noise level in the pavilion when a large crowd have gathered. We did some research into how to tackle this and ended up talking to the same organisation who provided acoustic damping for the village hall. Based on their experience, we went ahead and ordered the panels, but unfortunately, they only supply and do not fit. So the acoustic damping installation sub committee sprang into action. What you see above is all our own handiwork. However, it has made a huge difference and achieved what we had hoped.

We had an approach from the family of Jim Rowell early last year about providing an inscribed bench to commemorate Jim and Norah in recognition of their huge contribution to the Club over the years and Jim's love of playing and in later years, watching the cricket. This was delivered last spring.

A decision was partially taken last financial year and fully acted on this year for the committee to step away from cricket let day catering. We were struggling to staff these events and it is a full days hard work for little reward. This year all the catered let days have been put in touch with a caterer we have previously used and Kelly to provide staff to man the bar. We have received no negative feedback from this change.

Sadly, both Bill and Kelly are stepping down from the committee due to increased work commitments. However, Kelly will finish what she had started in terms of organising stalls for the car show and Bill is happy for him and his amazing collection of tools and 'toys' to be called on whenever we need help. Both have been great contributors and will be missed. During the year Linda joined the committee and has been an invaluable member to the Committee.

Philip Matthews thanked Larry for his continuing work with the Club despite having moved away from Shalbourne some years ago.

Election of committee members

The committee retires

The elected members, Larry Sargent, Charles Scott, Philip Matthews, Jeremy Gayer, Steve Morrell, Linda Waters and Steve Orchard agreed to join the committee, all were elected unopposed.

Bob Walker was previously elected as Life President

Proposed and seconded

Chairman will be proposed and voted on at the next committee meeting.

Update on current year

A new secure container has been installed to replace the tent which housed various grass and wicket preparation machines and the Club BBQ's. This was a decision based on security and the fact that the tent became regularly damaged during any period of high winds.

Two Junior goal posts and nets are now available for use in the field as requested by some of our younger footballers. These were paid for by a donation from Charlie's Charity for which we are grateful.

We are delighted to welcome on board Carvers Hill Winery as joint headline sponsors of the Classic Car Show along with Knight Frank

Any other business

BW Suggested keeping a separate fund from the main account for repairs and maintenance. To date we have had no major issues with the pavilion but it is now 6 years old and things will need attending to. It was agreed we should set this up subject to a successful car show in August.

It was suggested that we try and get another outdoor theatre event as the last one was so popular. BW to try and contact last years visiting company and speak with The Watermill.

ML informed the committee that the pirate ship in the children's needs some maintenance.

At the time of writing the Chairman's report, Kelly had informed the committee of her decision to step down due to increasing work commitments. However, she is reconsidering that decision and will let the committee know shortly.

Meeting Closed 19:25