

MINUTES OF AN AGM HELD ON 20 AUGUST 2018 AT THE ROYAL GEORGE BEDWIN STREET

1. Those Present; Committee J Arnott R Neal, A Parslow, S Hiller, R & S Davis, B Asher and S Arnold. Apologies F Arnold nothing heard from G Arnold. League members; R Mould the Village "B" and A Osborne the White Horse, apologies from R Gaulton and D Stroud the Royal George.
2. The Chairman welcomed all committee and league members to the AGM and declared the meeting officially open at 2048 hrs.
3. Minutes of the previous AGM; were read by the secretary, proposed by R Mould, seconded by S Arnold, passed by the AGM and signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters Arising; Only one member of the league passed away during the last season and was well remembered at Presentation Night. The Chairman thanked those who made enquiries for hall booking but R Neal was able to persuade Castle Street Social Club to let us use it for no charge.
5. Correspondence; There was only one email which needs to be discussed at this AGM, it involves a Mis-Deal during a league game. As it happens it was the Secretaries team involved. The following is a direct copy of what was presented to Committee at the 8 Nov 17 meeting and explains much more clearly than my presentation to the AGM and is as follows; "S Hiller explained to Committee that in the match against the Silver Plough there was a mis-deal by the Silver Plough. At least two hands had been played and the Royal George players had played all their cards when Mrs Cudby realised she had too many cards. Her partner (the captain as it happened) said that we should "Unpeg", I suggested we restart whole leg, this was not acceptable to him as they were considerably ahead and three games down. As both my partner and I had picked up our played cards I said it was too complicated to unpeg as I certainly could not remember the order I had played my cards. We compromised in that we left the pegs where they were and re dealt the hand. I told him that I would ask the Chairman to go through the rule book and see what the ruling is on mis - deals and that I would get back to him. The following day I saw J Arnott and explained what had happened and she said she would check". As there is nothing in our rules covering mis-deals, as they are usually discovered before play commences. B Asher had been through the American rules (but these were of no help as they were overly complicated). There are three options 1, Unpeg, 2, discontinue any further play in the hand, leave pegs in and re-deal the hand and 3, restart the whole leg. It was proposed to the AGM by J Arnott and R Neal that the leg be completely restarted if play has commenced, obviously it does not apply if the mis-deal is discovered before play commences. R Mould and A Osborne seconded the proposal at it was passed by the AGM. A Parslow will update the rules accordingly.
6. Treasurers Report; The Treasurer submitted and explained the Balance Sheet to the AGM. The league is now again in the black, the cost of trophies helped and the rise of competition fees helped too. Presentation Night raffle produced a £19 profit with no fee charged for the hall. There is a balance of £217.87 in the Building Society Account, interest as normal was nothing. Walter Scott entries slightly down, only 16 teams. R Mould suggested that no postage be put on the result cards, he was told it had already been decided to do so at a previous committee meeting. A Osborne asked if results could be sent via "whatsapp", R Neal said no he needs to have a hard copy in case of any discrepancies. The balance sheet was proposed by R Mould, seconded by B Asher as passed by the AGM.
7. Match Secretaries Report; R Neal said that it was a good season overall and thanks to all the committee for their hard work through the past season. It will again be a 2 division league and produced a draft copy for the AGM to consider. The usual two team promotion/relegation applies. Providing no other team pulls out this will be the published version, if however another team pulls out the Div 2 will have two byes.
8. Secretaries Report; Nothing to report but thanks to all committee and league members for all their help and support though the last season.
9. Chairman's Report; The Chairman thanked all committee and league members for another successful season. She extended her thanks to A Osborne and R Mould for their attendance. She stated that G Arnold and F Arnold were prepared to stand again for committee if re-elected and stood down to the Match Secretary for elections to take place.
10. Election of Officers and Committee Members; The Match Secretary asked the AGM if they wished to vote individually or en bloc. En bloc was proposed by R Mould and seconded by A Osborne. All officers and members were voted in and the Match Secretary handed back to the Chairman with thanks to the AGM. No volunteers to stand on Committee were found.
11. Any other Business; J Arnott extended all our good wishes to S Arnold for the speedy recovery of her husband Fred.
12. Date & Venue of the Next AGM; July/August 2019 (TBC) at the Royal George commencing at 2030 hrs.
13. There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the AGM at 2130hrs. The new committee were asked by the Chairman to stay behind.

Chairman