

Prees Cricket and Recreation Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 8th February 2023

Welcome

Mr Neale Sadler, Club Chairman, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the 91st AGM. There were 20 members present with 9 apologies received. He stated that he was delighted to see the Club's success last year and gave thanks to all the coaches and volunteers who created the success. He also gave thanks to Gary, Jan and all the bar staff for the fantastic job they do.

2. Members Remembrance.

A period of silence was held to remember Angela Walmsley, Derek Smout and Maggie Allens mother who had all sadly died during the year.

3. Presentation of the Simon Lines Shield

The Chairman presented the Simon Lines shield.

The 2022 winner is Lawrence Allen

Lawrence has been a huge asset to the Club for many years with his professional work as DJ and Emcee on many occasions as well as providing support for the football tournaments and jubilees etc. We are sorry that he is retiring from his role as function support but he has agreed to assist in handing the role over to Neil Bowen. The Club is very grateful for the fantastic job Lawrence has done over the years and for the continued use of his equipment after he retires. He will be missed

Lawrence thanked the Chairman and members and said he was immensely proud to receive the Simon Lines Shield and felt very honoured. He said it was particularly special as he knew Simon well and he was such a wonderful young man.

4. Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 9th of February 2022 were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the chair.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman said last year all the committee members were re-elected en-bloc. This year however, is a year of change as halfway through the Year our Chairman, Vinny Lines, had to stand down for health reasons and Neale, the Vice Chairman, took over. Neale thanked Vinny for the great job he had done during the 6 years of his tenure, Vinny will remain a Trustee. Brian Hughes is also standing down as Club Secretary and will be sorely missed as will Lawrence who is also standing down.

We do have people will to take on the roles which will hopefully enable a smooth succession.

Neale took over in the summer at the time of some junior football issues which are hopefully now resolved. He thanked the football committee who have now stood down, Pauline Best, Tim Wakefield and Alan Groom for all the work they have done for the junior football. We now have a new junior football Chairman, Liam Reynolds whom we will work closely with.

6. Treasurer's Report

Paul Prince presented a spreadsheet showing the Club's 2022 accounts

- The bar sales for 2022 were £210.7k which was up 11.6% on the 2019 figure of £181k which was our previous record. This gave a gross profit of £118.3k at 56.14% which is a brilliant effort. Particularly at a time when the entertainment trade is struggling. It is a magnificent effort by Gary, Jan and all the staff. Also, the support of members has been great which is reflected in the figures.

- Paul reported that the club membership had raised £5435 up 16.38% which has been helped by the new card system.
- Paul reported that the grants and donation of £21.9k included £4k council grant and a £7.5k grant from the Football Foundation
- The total income came to £177,779
- On the expenditure the major outgoings as usual were wages (£96.4k) up 10%, maintenance (£33.7k), heat light and power, (£8.1k), entertainment (£14.7k), insurance (£3.1k) and depreciation (£6.1k). The total expenditure was £173,383 which gave a surplus of income over expenditure of £4.39k which is very healthy considering the past 2 years.
- Paul thanked Gary and Jan for doing such a great job, Duncan for his work outside, and Phil for his maintenance repair work as well as all the people who give their time to help make the Club such a success.

The Chairman thanked Paul for the very professional job he does as Treasurer and for his expertise in producing such a comprehensive report. Also, it is great to see the Club continuing to improve and that this is the best facility in the County so thanks to everybody for their contribution.

7. Sporting Section Reports

BOWLS

Barbara Ford provided the following report:

- Prees Bowling Club put out 6 teams of 10 each last season in the Whitchurch and the Market Drayton Leagues plus competitions. This was due to the magnificent efforts of the captains and many thanks to them. The Whitchurch League A team won the Consolation Jubilee Doubles Competition and the Market Drayton A team won their division. Nigel Davies won most wins in the Market Drayton League 4. Congratulations to all.
- It is hoped to encourage more people to join the bowling club and play bowls. We are wanting to put 2 new teams in the leagues.
- We have coaching courses arranged for 11th and 18th of March, weather permitting, at Prees. We have two great bowling greens lovingly nurtured by Duncan please come and have a go.
- Thanks to the Prees Cricket and Recreation Club for their continued support.
- Barbara has produced some flyers to publicise the Bowls for distribution in the village.

The Chair thanked Barbara for her report and for taking on the bowls secretary role and attending committee meetings.

FOOTBALL

Prees Senior's Football:

Jack Reynolds reported:

- The men's team are playing in the Premier Division of the Salop Leisure Football League and are currently looking to finish in the top 4.
- The Ladies team are doing well and the under 16's are now joined with them.

Prees Junior Football Report –

Jack Reynolds reported:

- The Junior football has undergone a major change with 3 junior football committee members standing down. Liam Reynolds has taken on the role of Chairman and is hoping to recruit new committee members.
- Jack thanked Brian, Neale and Vinny for their support, Lawrence for his work on the football tournaments, Duncan for his work on producing fantastic pitches and Gary and Jan for their great hospitality.

CRICKET

Amber Noss reported that we planned to put a team in this years mid-week league and we hope to hold a summer tournament.

DARTS AND DOMINOES

Andy Jones reported:

- We now have a team darts team on Mondays as well as the Tuesday games.
- We have had a strong start this year and are currently 3rd in the league.
- Thanks to Gary and Jan for their support and food.

Dave Price reported that the dominoes section have a good team of players but are currently second to bottom in the league.

ANGLING

Duncan Austin presented the report for the Angling Section.

- We have around 56 members of the Angling section mostly OAP's. We do not have many matches but mainly fish for pleasure.
- We still have two waters, Coton and Hawkstone which are going well.
- We had a charity match which raised £520 for cancer research.

8. Constitution Changes

Brian Hughes reported that rule 6 of the Club's constitution states that the committee shall consist of 15 members. It is planned to introduce three new roles this year (Funding, Social Media/Website and Newsletter/publicity) which will increase the committee to 16 members. This was approved by the members and the Constitution will be amended.

9. Election of President, Vice Presidents and Trustees.

Trustees: Paul Prince, Phil Hodges, Brian Hughes, Vincent Lines, Neil Sadler,
Rep from Prees Parish Council – Mr Joe Whelan

Alan Groom has been removed since he is no longer on the junior football committee and has not responded to the request to Trustees that they wish to be re-elected.

The rest of the Trustees were voted in proposed by Laurence Allen and seconded by Amber Noss.

The following nominations were proposed and seconded and were approved by the Members.

The Chairman proposed that for recognition of their work for the Club Lawrence Allen, Brian Hughes and Vincent Lines should be appointed as Vice Presidents which was approved by the members.

Post	Nomination	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Mr Ray Grocott	Andy Jones	Len Gibbons
Vice Presidents	Mr J Gleave, Mr J Taylor, Mr B Hughes, Mr Vincent Lines, Mr Lawrence Allen	Neale Sadler	Andy Jones

10. Election of Officers and Committee

All existing committee members were happy to stand.

Post	Nomination	Proposed By	Seconded by
Chairman	Mr Neale Sadler	Amber Noss	Maggie Allen
Vice Chairman	Mrs Maggie Allen	Jan Dawson	Andy Jones
Treasurer	Mr Paul Prince	Jan Dawson	Amber Noss
Secretary	Mr David Hopwood	Paul Prince	Lawrence Allen
Club Premises Chair	Mr Phil Hodges	Jan Dawson	Duncan Austin

Club Grounds Chair	Duncan Austin	Jack Reynolds	Sharon English
Health and Safety Chair	Mr Joe Whelan	Amber Noss	Alan Smith
Function Support Chair	Neil Bowen	Lawrence Allen	Amber Noss
Entertainment Chair	Ms Maggie Allen	Andy Jones	Duncan Austin
Fund Raising	Mark Perkins	Amber Noss	Neale Sadler
Social media/Website	Amber Noss	Jack Reynolds	Sharon English
Newsletter/Publicity	Sue Read	Jack Reynolds	Barbara Ford
General Representative	Mr Alan Smith	Mark Perkins	Neale Sadler
General Representative	Mr John Gleave	Mark Perkins	Neale Sadler
General Representative	Mr Jack Reynolds	Mark Perkins	Neale Sadler
General Representative	Mr Brian Hughes	Mark Perkins	Neale Sadler

The secretary advised that the following ex officio members will also serve on the committee:

Ex Officio Member	Role
Mr Joe Whelan	Prees Parish Council nominated representative
Mrs Barbara Ford	Bowls Section Secretary
Mr Peter Richards	Cricket Section
Mr Andrew Jones	Darts and Dominoes Section
Mr Liam Reynolds	Girls - Junior Football
Mr Dan Blackhurst	Football - Adult Men's Section
Ms Laura Thelwell	Ladies Adult football
Mr Duncan Austin	Angling Section.

9. Subscriptions and Membership

The meeting discussed the membership fee for the year 2024 and it was unanimously agreed that it would remain unchanged.

10. Any Other Business

Gary Dawson asked what was happening about the Parish Council shed in the field. Joe Whelan explained that it needs major reparations to be carried out but the PCC did not want to spend the money if the lease is not going to be renewed when it runs out and has asked the Club what its intentions are. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the next committee meeting.

The next AGM was scheduled for Wednesday the 8th February 2023 starting at 1930 hrs.

Minutes accepted as a true record.....Chair.....Date.