**Prees Cricket and Recreation Club**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 2022**

***Welcome***Mr Ray Grocott, Club President, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the 90th AGM and our 16th year in this clubhouse. He was pleased to see so many people and thanked them all for attending. There were 34 members present with 4 apologies received.   
He thanked Gary, Jan and their staff and everybody involved in doing such a great job in helping to make the Club successful particularly during the difficult times of Covid.

Ray said he was so pleased and proud to be part of it.  
 ***2. Members Remembrance.***

**A period of silence was held to remember Dave Galluzzo, Arthur Hocknell and Rose Hocknell who had sadly died during the year. Dave was a great supporter and employee of the Club and assisted Gary in many different ways. Although not a Club member Dr Carter was included to show respect to a wonderful doctor who served Prees so well.**

***3. Presentation of the Simon Lines Shield***The Chairman, Vinny Lines, presented the Simon Lines shield.

The 2020 winner is Neil Homer

His nomination read;

Neil is a true Sportsman. Not only has he managed the same team at Prees for the last 9 years, he also plays Vets Football, is a huge Manchester City Supporter and is also a fan of Cricket and Golf.

He thinks he is here to present an award to Jack Reynolds – sorry Neil, but it’s you that has won the award tonight, not Jack.

Neil rejuvenated the girls football section in 2012 – starting with 5 girls on a Friday night on the Astro. This year we have 5 girls’ teams and we are growing in numbers every day. He has taken the u16 Lioness through 9 years of playing football and his footballing philosophy has always been: Ensure the girls enjoy their football - To develop and improve the players - build togetherness and team spirit - reward effort and commitment - to provide a platform for players and inspire them to go on to bigger and better things - to encourage high standards of behaviour on match days and at training - to lose with dignity - to win with dignity - to show respect to everyone involved in the game

Neil believes that Grassroots football is not ‘professional sport’ and that the ‘way we play the game’ if far more important than the result.

‘The girls would not be where they are today with their love of football without Neil’s enthusiasm, commitment and continued support in training and games. It’s quite a challenge that he took on 9 years ago.

‘Neil is teaching the girls much more than kicking a ball – sportsmanship, teamwork, fairness, magnanimity, integrity, soul and spirit.’

We are all super proud and feel that Neil is a very deserving Winner of The Simon Lines Award.

***4. Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting***.  
  
The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 9th July 2021 were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the chair.

***5. Chairman's Report***  
The Chairman said we have been in unprecedented times due to corona virus but the Club has come through well. He reiterated the President’s thanks to Gary, Jan and all the volunteers for the fantastic job they are doing. Vinny also thanked the Treasurer, Secretary and the committee for the work they do throughout the year for the Club and Ray for his continued support.

We will wait to see how the Bowls section will recover in the summer but the bowls greens are looking good and Duncan, who is now on the Club payroll, has taken on the maintenance of the greens ably assisted by Len Gibbons. The Chairman thanked Kevin Moult for the good work has done over recent years.

The Chairman thanked Alan, Kris and all the managers for the great job they are doing and the Junior football continues to grow. He said how good it is to see so many diverse activities with Table Tennis, Karate, Fitness Boxing, Darts and Dominoes and Angling

***6. Treasurer's Report***  
Paul Prince presented a spreadsheet showing the Club’s 2021 accounts

* The bar sales for 2021 were £111.6k which shows a recovery from £83.8k from 2020 but are still lower than the £181k of 2019. However, as we emerge from the effect of Covid lockdowns we will hopefully recover fully in 2022. This gave a gross profit of £64.8k at 58.08% which is a brilliant effort. Paul reported that he had heard of criticism on WhatsApp that the Club was only interested in making a profit on the bar. He made it clear that it is only the profits made on the bar that enables us to continue to maintain and improve the fantastic facilities at the Club. In 2019 the gross profit was £112k which represented 74% of the Clubs total income. This shows that the success of the bar is vital to the success of the club so we therefore make no apology for keeping our focus on the bar trading.
* Paul reported that the club membership had raised £3,330 which included £1195 collected by the Junior Football. Paul stated that the figures he was presenting did not include the Junior Football accounts since they have their own committee and Treasurer and pay an annual fee to the Club for the use of the facilities. Also, with the current membership card system, there is no need for the Junior football to collect Club membership as with the new card we would hope they would join at the bar to get the benefit of Members preferential prices.
* Paul reported that the figures for the year had been bolstered by Leisure sector grants (£24.1k), Furlough scheme (£22.1k) and donation from the President (£4k).
* The income showed a loss of £934 on sale of assets which was due to the weightlifting equipment but is not a matter for concern.
* The total income came to £134,114k
* On the expenditure the major outgoings as usual were wages (£81.7k), maintenance (£21.9k), heat light and power, (£5.1k), entertainment (£4.3k), insurance (£3.1k) and depreciation (£4.3k). The total expenditure was £129.735k which gave a surplus of income over expenditure of £4.36k 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.

***7. Sporting Section Reports***

**BOWLS**

Sue Taylor provided the following report:

* I’d like to thank Grant Hickson and Margaret Williams for captaining the Whitchurch League teams (well done to Margaret’s team for finishing third), and Audrey Richards for once more captaining the Market Drayton Seniors. Plus, all the players for supporting those captains in 2021. Especially the Barlow’s players for putting up with me as their captain.
* I’d also like to thank Julia Davies for diligently attending zoom meetings as chairman of Prees bowls and proof reading any correspondence I have sent out.
* The bowls AGM is on 2nd March when hopefully we will gauge how many teams we will have to enter into the Leagues for this year.
* As this is my final report as bowls secretary, I wish whoever takes over from me my support and thank the club for their support of the bowls section.

The Chairman stated that he believes that now that we are moving out of Covid restrictions the bowlers will slowly return and that we need to try to recruit some younger players.

**FOOTBALL**

**Prees Senior’s Football:**

Dan Blackhurst provided a report:

* We started the season on the search for a new manager after Geoff Ashton has to stand down due to work commitments. Geoff had gained us promotion to the Shropshire Premier League and also won the league cup.
* We appointed former Wrexham FC player Matty Owen who has taken to the role well, considering its his first venture into management, and the lads are holding their own in a tough league.
* With a lot of former youth Prees players playing regularly it shows good progress through the club.
* The lads play on Saturday afternoons with 2pm kick offs. The fixtures are put up on our social media page and support is always welcome. Also, if anyone is interested, we are looking for people to get involved in the running of the team with fund raising, secretary work etc.

**Prees Junior Football Report** –

Alan Groom reported

* It has been a good year despite the Covid restrictions and we have attracted more girls and boys. Our policy is to let all players play whatever their ability which makes it attractive since many clubs are only interested in the better players. Also, word gets spread on social media.
* The crèche gets stronger and stronger and we will have another 3 teams to enter the league next year.
* We will be having under 7 and under 9 boys’ teams and under 8 and under 10 girls’ teams.
* We have had no tournament for two years but are planning 3 weekends of tournaments on the weekends of June 18/18, June 25/26 and July 2/3.
* We are in the process of putting a questionnaire together to go to the parents to get feedback as to how they think we might improve what we do.
* We are still looking for ground that would ease the pressure on our pitches.
* Alan thanked Gary and Jan for what they do and the pizza and chips. Also, Duncan for his work on the grounds.

**Ladies Adult Football**

No report

**CRICKET**

Brian Hughes reported:

* It is still hoped to field a mid week side in the summer.
* We are hoping to run youngsters coaching from April with the help of Peter Richards and hope to find some funding for coaching.

**DARTS AND DOMINOES**

Andy Jones reported:

* We now have a new team darts team on Mondays as well as the Tuesday games.
* Phil Hodges is helping with the dominoes who are having a good season.
* Thanks to Gary and Jan for their support.

**ANGLING**

Duncan Austin presented the report for the Angling Section.

* We have around 45 members of the Angling section.
* We still have two waters, Coton and Hawkstone which are going well.

***8. Constitution Changes***

Brian Hughes presented proposed changes to the Club’s constitution which had been previously circulated and on the Club notice board. The constitution was first established in the 1930’s and the proposed changes were to bring several sections up to date. The changes were read out to the members for acceptance of the changes were approved.

***9. Election of President, Vice Presidents and Trustees.***

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

Mike McGee has decided to resign from the Trustees since he is in the process of moving away from the area. The Chairman thanked Mike for all the work and support he has given the Club over the years.

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.

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| **Post** | | **Nomination** | **Proposed by** | **Seconded by** |
| President | | Mr Ray Grocott | Andy Jones | Len Gibbons |
| Vice Presidents | | Mrs A Walmsley, Mr J Gleave, Mr A Hocknell, Mr D Smout, Mr J Taylor, | Mike McGee | Andy Jones |

***10.*** ***Election of Officers and Committee***

All existing committee members were happy to stand.

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| **Post** | **Nomination** | **Proposed By** | **Seconded by** |
| Chairman | Mr Vinny Lines | Ray Grocott | Dave Price |
| Vice Chairman | Mr Neale Sadler | Amber Noss | Mike McGee |
| Treasurer | Mr Paul Prince | Vinny Lines | Neale Sadler |
| Secretary | Mr Brian Hughes | Amber Noss | Lawrence Allen |
| Club Premises Chair | Mr Phil Hodges | Andy Jones | Vinny Lines |
| Club Grounds Chair | Duncan Austin | Phil Hodges | Neale Sadler |
| Health and Safety Chair | Mr Joe Whelan | Lawrence Allen | Alan Smith |
| Function Support Chair | Mr Lawrence Allen | Amber Noss | John Gleave |
| Entertainment Chair | Ms Maggie Allen | Andy Jones | Duncan Austin |
| General Representative | Mr Alan Smith | Lawrence Allen | Andy Jones |
| General Representative | Mr John Gleave | Mike McGee | Vinny Lines |
| General Representative | Mr Jack Reynolds | Lawrence Allen | Andy Jones |
| General Representative | Mrs Amber Noss | Lawrence Allen | Vinny Lines |

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

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| **Ex Officio Member** | **Role** |
| Mr Joe Whelan | Prees Parish Council nominated representative |
| TBA | Bowls Section Secretary |
| Mr Peter Richards | Cricket Section |
| Mr Andrew Jones | Darts and Dominoes Section |
| Ms Kris Morris | 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 2023 and it was unanimously agreed that it would remain unchanged.

***10. Any Other Business***

None raised.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending.

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

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