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Members in attendance:

Pam Soley	Dave Soley	Dave Dean	Rod Hill	John Wills
Morné Joubert	David Woodage	Patricia Woodage	Joe Antonowicz	Ian King
Peter Owen	Keith Walker	Ros Walker	Chris Vickery	Ian Smith
Keith Grant	Dale Bartram	Debs Newell-Akers	Cal Newell-Akers	Margaret King
Kevin Nicholas	Bernadette Sachse	Richard Ball		

Kevin Nicholas chaired the meeting in Ian Wood-Smith's absence.
Bernadette Sachse recorded the minutes.

KN opened the meeting 19:35.

1. Apologies were received from:

Ian Wood-Smith Duncan Mills Dave Coley

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held 29th July 2021 were approved. Proposed by Rod Hill and seconded by Dave Dean.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Committee report

A committee report was read by Bernadette Sachse. **Appendix A** contains the full copy.

5. Treasurer report

Richard Ball, treasurer gave a full summary of the club accounts for 2021 which had been prepared by Mortimer Burnett and circulated to attendees at the meeting.

It was noted that the 2021 accounts reflected 8 months of trading and that the 2020 accounts reflected 6 months of trading, to be taken into consideration when comparing numbers between the years. Despite the trading months missed due to Covid, the club accounts remain in a healthy position.

An attendee asked why the lotto machine was showing a loss. It was explained this was due to a timing issue and it would be expected to show profit in the new year.

Kevin Nicholas and meeting attendees congratulated Richard on his time given to the committee and acknowledged him standing down from the role of treasurer.

6. Committee proposals

a. To set the membership subscription fees for 2023 (see appendix B)

The committee propose that 2023 membership fees will remain the same as 2022 fees. This motion was unanimously approved, proposed by Dave Dean, seconded by Dave Soley.

b. Amend club rules (see appendix C)

It was explained by Ian King that the change was purely typographical which was unanimously approved, proposed by Ian King, seconded by Ros Walker.

c. Newspaper subscriptions (see appendix D)

Ian King as the proposer of this motion confirmed that previous newspaper subscriptions were ceased during the Covid pandemic. Now that all restrictions and precautions have been removed, he would like to see the subscriptions reinstated with the addition of a local newspaper (The Henley Standard).

The attendees voted on the motion: 14 For, 1 Against therefore motion carried.

d. Withdrawal from CIU membership

The committee propose to withdraw the clubs affiliation to the CIU, with minimal members now associates (apx 20) and no seen benefits from the annual fee.

Several discussions ensued, including bringing to the attention of the committee that the CIU could provide support/advice should it be required by an underperforming club for example, should we ever find ourselves in need. It was also noted that should withdrawal from the CIU go ahead, amendments to the club rules would need to be made via a Special General Meeting (SGM).

The annual fee is £450.

It was proposed by the Chairman that the attendees vote on the principal of withdrawing from the CIU, which if approved, the committee would review the rules and adjustments needed and call a SGM for their approval. The attendees voted on the motion: 14 For, 7 Against therefore motion carried.

e. Committee members to receive free membership of the club

The committee propose that committee members receive free membership to the club.

The attendees voted on the motion: 10 For, 8 Against therefore motion carried.

7. Election of Officers

Ian Wood-Smith was elected unopposed as President, proposed by Ian King, seconded by Bernadette Sachse.

No nominations were received for the officer role of Treasurer therefore the position remained vacant.

There is an urgent need for someone to fill the important role, the committee are doing all they can to find someone and, in the meantime, will ensure appropriate arrangements for continuing the work.

8. Election of committee members

The following members were elected unopposed to the committee:

Dave Coley, re-elected, proposed by Pam Soley, seconded by Bernadette Sachse.

Duncan Mills, re-elected, proposed by Bernadette Sachse, seconded by Pam Soley

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Keith Casbeard, proposed by Kevin Nicholas, seconded by Richard Ball

Two vacancies remain unfilled.

9. AOB

Bernadette Sachse wished for thanks to be recorded for the efforts of Kevin Nicholas in his role as Chairman and members attending also noted thanks for his hard work during the club refurbishment.

A member asked if they could meet the new stewards whom were at the meeting so took the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Kevin Nicholas thanked all members for attending and closed the meeting at 20:20

Appendix A

AGM Committee Report for 2021

2021 was again affected by the Covid pandemic, remaining closed for business January to mid-May. During that time Mark Clibbon, newly recruited club steward was inducted to the role and the club underwent a second refurbishment which saw the introduction of a small galley style kitchen.

The club reopened for business on 17th May, following a couple of open days where members were invited to visit the club to renew their memberships ahead of opening day. Members who renewed were given a £15 credit on their membership to compensate for the missed months. Renewals came thick and fast, the increase in opening hours, the introduction of food sales in the club and the efforts of the new steward to welcome newcomers went a long way to us exceeding the membership base from the previous year despite being closed for 4 ½ months! This healthy membership base has seen a positive effect on takings which enables the committee to consider future enhancements.

Ian King stood down from the committee and his role of secretary of 6 years. His efforts have been much appreciated, and too his support to the committee and new secretary over recent months whilst handing over the reins. Bernadette Sachse joined the committee and has taken on the role of secretary in his stead.

Also to leave the club's team of staff in 2021 was Adam Smith after a commendable 18 years of service.

The House committee plus some others were instrumental in the refurbishment and installation of the kitchen of which thanks is given. New carpets and vinyl were fitted in the flat living areas.

Thanks to Ros Walker, membership secretary who managed all the new membership applications and last year's renewals. The year ended with 590 members, including staff and life members.

Life membership was awarded to Ian King, Dave and Jane Dean and Rose Howarth, marking their contribution to the club and committee over the years.

Dale Bartram joined the committee as HR Manager and has worked very hard to assist with management of the staff. There have been various new staff members including several students who provide summer and Christmas cover. Thanks to Dale for his expertise and assistance in this area.

Richard Ball was elected as an officer in the role of treasurer and again thanks go to him for his expertise and help in the accounting needs of the club.

Duncan Mills joined the committee and looks after the comms side of things and is building some momentum with social media and direct marketing advertising. Thanks to Duncan for this work.

Joe Antonowicz was elected also in 2021 and is supporting the committee by managing utilities. Thank you, Joe, for your support in this area.

It should be noted that all committee members are volunteers and manage a sometimes large workload around their existing commitments. Often a thankless task but each member is committed to the successful operation of the club.

An array of entertainment for members followed the clubs reopening in May, thanks to Dave Coley and Pam Soley. Members enjoyed a variety of acts, usual fun and games such as bingo and raffles, a Christmas Panto for the younger ones and a New Year's Eve party. Pam's enthusiasm is a great asset to the club and ensures a great time is had by all!

A great crowd drawer was the Euros, postponed from 2020. We installed a new projector to provide better viewing in time for the games. Great effort was made to ensure everyone could see the games with a great atmosphere.

In conclusion, 2021 once the club was operating was a fantastic year for the club and there is great confidence that 2022 will continue to be a success for Goring Social Club as we welcome members new and old.

Appendix B

Proposal to set the 2023 membership subscription fees at £28 for adults, £24 for seniors and £5 for juniors. This sees no increase on 2021/22 fees.

Appendix C

Amendment to Rule 10 to correct a previous typographical error:

10. Admission of Associates

The committee may also refuse admission to Associates who ceased to be members under Rule 14 (a) and (b).

Amend to

The committee may also refuse admission to Associates who ceased to be members under Rule 14 (c) and (d).

Appendix D

- Proposal that the Club's subscriptions to the Daily and Sunday Express and Times and Sunday Times be reinstated with immediate effect;
- Proposal that the Club subscribe to the Henley Standard with immediate effect.

Signed as a true record _____

Date: _____