

The Whitsters Club

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Whitsters Club held at The Holiday Inn, Mayfair, on Monday 14th February 2011

The Convenor, Mr Chris Shepherd welcomed everyone to the Meeting. Everyone at the meeting welcomed the Convenor and were pleased to hear he was recovering well from illness.

It was agreed that the notice convening the meeting be taken as read.

1. APOLOGIES

The Hon Secretary advised that the following Members had offered apologies for absence:
Tony Reid, Richard Seaman, Richard Orford, Mrs Jaqueline Polek, Geoff Hannan, Paul Higgs, John Shonfeld and Terry Winter..

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 15th February 2010, previously circulated, were proposed by Brian Goodliffe, seconded by Margaret Shepperd and unanimously approved.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The Hon Secretary advised that there were no correspondence matters to be brought before the Annual General Meeting.

4. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer advised that the accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. He was now able to report that the Independent Examiners had now approved the Accounts for the year ended 30th November 2010 and summarised them as follows: The Club made a deficit of £67:00 during the year which compared with the previous year's surplus of £930. The closing current bank balance as at the 30 November 2010 was £1,118, (2009: £3,074). Deposits Bank Accounts amounted to £6,909 (2009: £6,902).

The Independent Examiners confirmed that the accounts were in order and it was proposed by Dennis Hargreaves, seconded by Brian Goodliffe and unanimously agreed that the Accounts for the year to 30th November 2010 be and are hereby approved.

Mr Arthiur Kennedy O.B.E. expressed concern that the Membership Subscriptions had decreased in the year. The Convenor mentioned the initiative recently introduced whereby any Member who was able to recruit a Member would be presented with a bottle of wine at an appropriate luncheon Meeting.

The Secretary, by way of explanation advised the meeting that the apparent loss on the Wisley Function had been budgeted for because of the surplus made on the trip to Greenwich in 2009

5. ACCOUNT EXAMINERS

The Chairman thanked Arthur Kennedy OBE and Terrence Winter for examining the accounts. It was unanimously agreed that they be reappointed for 2010-11

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS & LUNCHESES

The Hon Treasurer confirmed that the subscription for 2010 be £25:00 At present, no change was expected in the luncheon charge for events held at the Holiday Inn..

7. CLUB RULES

The Convenor explained that this item had been dealt with at the last AGM and the Secretary referred to the Minutes of that meeting.

8. COMMITTEE.

The Secretary informed the meeting that no nominations had been received for Committee members. He advised that all current Members were willing to continue in office. During the year Mr Murray Simpson had been co-opted to the Committee and he was also willing to continue in office.

It was agreed that the Committee be as follows:

Chris Shepherd	
David Hart	Hon Secretary
Peter Johnston	Hon Treasurer
Brian Goodliffe	
Dennis Hargreaves	
Robin Rhodes.	
Murray Simpson	

Under the rules of the Club, the Convenor would be elected by the Committee following this Annual General Meeting.

9. MEETINGS 2011

The Convenor advised the meeting that the Committee had discussed the 'special event' which had been held annually in recent years. It was becoming increasingly difficult to find an appropriate venue at a financially viable rate and the Committee would welcome any thoughts Members might have on whether this event should continue every year.

The Club had arranged a further 'Charity Supper' in aid of the Worshipful Company of Launderers to take place at the Holiday Inn on Wednesday September 7th 2011^h and he urged Members to support this.

Other Luncheon Meetings would be held on:

Monday June 6th 2011
 Monday 26th September 2011
 Monday 21st November (Christmas Luncheon)

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman invited Members to raise any appropriate items for discussion.

Mr Lee Cummins requested that a list of all Members to include, names, addresses etc be made available. The Secretary brought to the attention of the meeting the Data Protection Act but was assured by Mr Cummins that he had previously been advised this would not be a problem. The Convenor thanked Mr Cummins and the matter would be dealt with by the Committee.

Mr Tim Beard referred to the earlier remarks by the convenor concerning the 'Special Event' and it was his feeling that it would be good to continue with it. – if a suitable venue could be found Some others expressed the same view. The Convenor mentioned that some ideas were being considered and their viability being discussed.

The Chairman satisfied himself that there was no other relevant business and closed the meeting at 14:45

11. Date of Next annual General Meeting to be advised.
