

MINUTES OF ARROWS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2022

ZOOM MEETING – 1930

PRESENT

Committee

- Simon Speirs
- Graham Harper
- Lyndon Hearn
- Djerk Geurts
- Anita White
- Stephen McKee (last meeting starting in role)
- Rowland Hughes
- Helen Harper (for part, not all)

Committee Apologies

- Lisa Munt (resigned)
- Aly Northedge
- Michael Hessey

Members

A register was not taken and some members were not in attendance during the full session. Note was taken of screens that contained 2 voters.

A PowerPoint presentation has been stored in the downloads section of the Arrows website for members to review what was discussed at the AGM.

The following minutes will cover matters arising, points of order necessitated from discussions generated by the agenda items.

WELCOME

Simon Speirs welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that last year there was mention that no-one knew who was actually on the committee. They were introduced and thanked – as were the background supporters such as Mark Pattison, Steve / Issy Green and Louise Crosby. AGM presentation contains photos, names and roles.

ELECTIONS

The following members were up for re-election and as only one candidate was nominated, they were automatically declared elected:

- Social Secretary Anita White
- Kit Secretary Rowland Hughes
- Committee Member Graham Harper

- Committee Member Michael Hessey
- Secretary Sharon Stanley is co-opted to be formally voted at next AGM

REVIEW OF 2022

What we said we'd do

- Simon Speirs gave an update; details can be found in the PowerPoint presentation
- One comment on the inability to deliver the Beginners course due to time commitment and ability to provide run leader cover, raised a comment from the attendees that some potential runleaders asked for training, but were not offered it.

Focus for 2023

- Simon Speirs gave an update; details can be found in the PowerPoint presentation
- As always, any ideas are welcome from all Club members, just contact a member of the Management team

Membership Report

Lyndon Hearn provided statistics with details of membership pertaining to both Arrows and EA; details can be found in the PowerPoint presentation. Other point to note:

- Members' fees will remain at £25.00 and the renewal process will start soon so please look out for emails with details of how to renew. If members could follow the process swiftly, the committee would be grateful
- Please submit / update your ICOE (In Case of Emergency) details as necessary

Treasurer Report

Simon Speirs presented the financial report in Helen Harper's absence; full details can be found in the PowerPoint presentation highlighting areas where the expenditure wasn't as forecast – leading to another surplus for the year.

Members Q&A

Four running related questions had been raised which Lyndon Simon addressed and confirmed the response, details can be found in the PowerPoint presentation.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO OUR CONSTITUTION

All Constitution points except for 4.1

- The meeting voted on changes to the constitution (part 1); all items except 4.1
- This was accepted by the majority Accepted and majority (27 votes)

Discussion & Vote on 4.1 Application of Surplus Funds

- The meeting then discussed this section
- 6 questions were received prior to the deadline of 17th Feb from Chas Andrews. These were answered in emails before the AGM, so were not addressed further at the meeting. (These are listed in the AGM presentation). Other questions had been received after the deadline, but in recognition of the distributed Q&A. These potential speakers were offered an ability to present their point of view.

- **Chas Andrews**
 - Wording currently included in the constitution and the confusion it may cause;
 - Wording of the proposed changes means monies can be moved elsewhere and not necessarily on dissolution;
 - Could currently mean that a quorate meeting of 5 (if current 10 are maintained) could vote through the use of funds of 3 to 2.
 - Wording should be done in a way which protects the Club, or where a Committee member could benefit (specific reference made to the wording contained in St Albans Striders constitution);
 - Suggesting that wording is either withdrawn from vote at AGM or it is revisited and reworded to give the members confidence

- **Andy Jordan**
 - The points raised by Chas Andrews need to be taken seriously;
 - It protects the management committee if constitution worded correctly;
 - Suggestion to withdraw item from the AGM and not vote today as members have not had sufficient time at the AGM to discuss;

- **David Russell**
 - Agree with the comments already made;
 - Redrafted words needed to consider how we get more flexibility with financial limits, cap on disbursement of funds, cap on limits of management committee

- **Patrick McGuinness**
 - Agree with the comments already made and would point out that a supermajority voting system would be preferred

Simon thanked the speakers for their comments and points of view. No further discussion was engaged on as short of time and the Committee's position remains the same and that the vote would proceed. Simon suggested that if there was any doubt on the proposed wording that members should vote against to ensure clarity on sentiment as would be a count on VOTING members, not attendees.

The meeting then voted on the item:

- Votes for 10
- Votes against 22

AWARDS FOR 2022

Anita White updated the meeting on the awards achieved by members in 2022; full details can be found in the PowerPoint presentation.

All awards will be presented at the Club Social taking place on Sunday 5th March 4pm-7pm at Marquis of Granby, Harpenden.

CLOSING REMARKS

Simon thanked all for attending, the speakers, support of the Arrows Management Team and the volunteers and looked forward to the year ahead having received the suggestions to augment the club's activities.