

# **LURGASHALL RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 in Lurgashall Village Hall**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT (33)**

Aylward, Kenny  
Bonnett, Jeremy & Karen  
Boxall, Christine  
Boxall, Matthew  
Caird, Malcolm  
Clark, John & Elizabeth  
Cooper, Ray  
Dillon-Thiselton, Francis & Rose  
Fairston, Miles  
Flint, Anthony & Judy  
Harden, Joe & Irene  
Hayhurst, Geoff  
Hutchinson, Martin & Lynn  
Lawson, Jacquie  
Martin-Jenkins, David & Anthea  
Meyer, Stephen & Erica  
Nicholes, Cathy  
Pavia, Michael  
Read, Paul  
Reed, Laurence & Gina  
Tate, Andy  
Vaughan, Stephen & Joanne  
Wilson, Anna

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Chairman, Malcolm Caird, welcomed all those attending the meeting and reminded them of the purpose of evening, which was first to conduct the formal proceedings of an AGM and secondly to report on the recent members' survey, leading to discussion on possible uses of the field in future.

He reminded the meeting briefly of LRA's history: the Company had been formed in June 2012 and became a charity that August; the field had been purchased with the aid of a loan from a benefactor, completing the purchase in July 2013; this had been re-financed by many generous grants and donations, enabling the loan to be repaid in November 2013. Membership had been opened to Lurgashall residents in late 2013, and there were now 152 adult and 30 junior members.

He read out the Company's objects, and referred to the Company's Special Documents, as adopted by the Board, being the Articles of Association, the Restrictions Document (restricting the uses to which the field may be put), the Membership Policy, and the Governance Policy. To change any of these Special Documents would require a vote of 75% of the Members attending a General Meeting.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman said that he had received apologies for absence from the following Members:  
Caroline Anstey, Linda Aylward, Warwick & Maryanne Cox, Anthony Crandon, David Godfray, Sarah Matthews, Chris & Sally Ohlson, John & Joyce Wilding, Revd. Peter Hayes

Moving to the formal Agenda for the Meeting:

## **1. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2014**

The Chairman introduced the Company's Accounts for the year to 31 December 2014. He enlarged on various matters in the Director's Report and explained the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet with the aid of projections of the Accounts on the big screen.

He explained the role of the Independent Examiner, Mr Brian Marshall FCA of Messrs. Knox Cropper, Chartered Accountants of Haslemere.

He invited questions from the Members:

David Martin-Jenkins asked about the Reserves Policy and particularly the period over which such reserves were calculated. He felt that the sums being held were too large and might attract adverse criticism from the Charities Commission. The Chairman explained that the sums held were effectively the remains of the fund raising efforts, and were held against possible future capital projects as well as to support revenue needs for the maintenance of the field.

It was proposed by Geoff Hayhurst and seconded by David Martin-Jenkins that the financial statements of the Company for the year to 31 December 2014 together with the reports thereon of the directors and independent financial examiner of the Company be received and adopted. This resolution was passed *nem con*.

## **2. REAPPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL EXAMINER**

It was proposed by Geoff Hayhurst and seconded by Ray Cooper that Knox Cropper of 24 Petworth Road, Haslemere GU27 2HR be reappointed as independent financial examiner of the Company until the conclusion of the next general meeting of the Company at which financial statements are presented to members, and that the directors be authorised to approve their remuneration. This resolution was passed *nem con*.

## **3. - 8. RETIREMENT AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The Chairman reported that in accordance with the Articles three Directors were required to retire. Geoff Hayhurst, Jeremy Bonnett and Cathy Nicholes had volunteered. Geoff Hayhurst was not seeking re-election, and the Chairman thanked him as one of the founder members of the Company for the large amount of work which he had done in connection with the formation and registration of the charity and the acquisition of the Jubilee Field.

The Chairman further reported that Laurence Reed had retired as a member of the Parochial Church Council. As he was the Director nominated by the PCC, he would now also be retiring as a Director of LRA. The Chairman thanked him as another of the founder members of the Company for his wise advice and counsel and for the especially effective fund raising which he had conducted on behalf of the Company which was a major contributor to its ability to purchase the Jubilee Field.

The Chairman reported that the PCC had nominated James Nugent as a Director in place of Laurence Reed.

The Chairman proposed that the resolutions to reappoint Jeremy Bonnett (Resolution 3) and Cathy Nicholes (Resolution 4) as Directors be taken together and this was agreed. On the combined Resolution being put it was passed *nem con*.

The Chairman reported that he had received duly completed proposals that the following persons be appointed as Directors:

Anthony Flint	(Resolution 5)
Matthew Boxall	(Resolution 6)
Jacque Lawson	(Resolution 7)
Chris Ohlson	(Resolution 8)

Geoff Hayhurst and David Martin-Jenkins demanded a poll in accordance with the Company's articles.

The Chairman asked two directors, Geoff Hayhurst and John Clark, to administer the poll including those who had submitted proxy votes

Upon the poll being taken on each of resolutions 5 - 8 there were the following results which were reported to the Meeting:

Anthony Flint	(Resolution 5)	not passed
Matthew Boxall	(Resolution 6)	passed
Jacque Lawson	(Resolution 7)	passed
Chris Ohlson	(Resolution 8)	passed

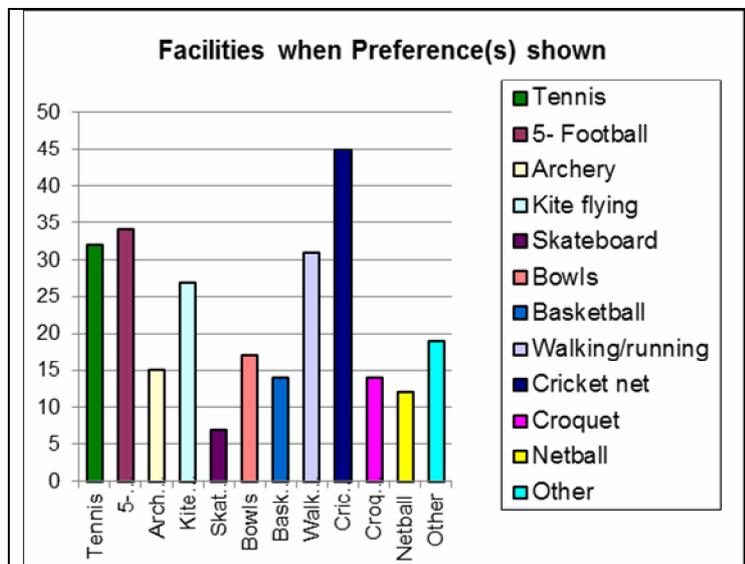
That completed the formal business of the Annual General Meeting.

## 9. MEMBERS' SURVEY

The Chairman reported that 83 members had replied to the recent survey, which represented 55% of the membership, and expressed thanks to all those who had responded

21 respondents preferred there to be no development in the field, although 7 of these did express some interest in leisure pursuits such as walking and running

62 respondents said they were in favour of some form of facilities being provided, as summarised on the table which follows



Anything developed in the field would need to take account of the need for providing considerable space for parking cars on Fete Day.

Given the age profile of village residents, it was perhaps surprising that activities such as croquet and bowls did not receive more support: as they did not, it would not make sense to pursue these activities unless there was a future increase in demand

Overall, while not conclusive, the Board would use this survey as a guide when considering options available for the Field in future

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman reported in accordance with the requirements of the Restrictions Document upon activity in the Jubilee Field during 2014 and on proposals for 2015.

In 2014 there had been parking in the Field on Fete day and for three weddings. The Pantiles Players had not visited during this year. There had been no other events.

In 2015 it was anticipated that the level of activity would be similar, although the field would also be open for parking for cricketers at weekends during the cricket season. The Pantiles Players were expected in 2015. The first cricket parking had taken place on 18 April with 17 cars (which would otherwise have been on the Green) using the new roped off area. Two weddings had so far been notified. It was planned to run a dog event '*Canine Capers*' on 6 September. Work would continue to improve the quality of the grass and to tidy up the boundaries and hedges.

After further discussion the meeting was closed at 8.50pm

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**Malcom Caird**  
**Chairman**

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This appendix provides a record of the votes made in relation to resolutions 5 to 8 of the agenda

The 33 members present at the meeting voted as follows

Resolution	Name	Votes For	Votes against	Abstentions
5	Anthony Flint	11	17	5
6	Matthew Boxall	27	4	2
7	Jacquie Lawson	26	3	4
8	Chris Ohlson	27	3	3

In addition, 13 members who were not present had submitted proxy forms, as follows

Members appointing the chairman to act on his/her behalf	10
Members appointing Jacquie Lawson to act on his/her behalf	2
Member appointing Anthony Flint to act on his/her behalf	1

Some of these 13 members empowered their proxy to vote at their proxy's discretion on some or all of the resolutions. In those instances where a member mandated his/her proxy to vote in a specific way, the votes so cast were as follows

Resolution	Name	Votes For	Votes against	Discretionary votes not cast
5	Anthony Flint	3	7	3
6	Matthew Boxall	6	2	5
7	Jacquie Lawson	8	0	5
8	Chris Ohlson	5	2	6

In total, therefore, the outcome of the voting, which does not include any discretionary votes cast by any of the three appointed proxies, was as follows

Resolution	Name	Votes For	Votes against	
5	Anthony Flint	14	24	Not passed
6	Matthew Boxall	33	6	Passed
7	Jacquie Lawson	34	3	Passed
8	Chris Ohlson	32	5	passed

It can be seen that the exercise of discretionary votes available to appointed proxies would have had no effect on the outcome of the election