



**MINUTES OF THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON THE 25TH APRIL 2006 AT BUSBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**

(note that this is a corrected version of the minutes. Correction shown in Red)

1. PRESENT

Joe Redmen in the chair, Monica Clegg, Brian Haigh, Robert Bayley, Josie Redmen, and thirty members.

APOLOGIES: Kate Atkins, Hilary Austin, Ann Blackwell, Steven Bird, Steve Bourton, Julia Brough, Liz Cable, Judy Coady, Sam Das, Jim Dawkins, Margaret & Peter Goldfarb, Rosie Inchbald, Hilary Leigh, Keith and Inga McKenzie, Pat Moore, Jeanne Penny, Bruce Robertson, David Snowball, Richard Shand, Kath Street, and Monica Vaughan.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Agreed as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Dorothy Roughly asked why the club had not purchased a new set of boards. The Chairman said that he discovered a "good as new" set in one of the boxes and so replaced the damaged ones with these. It was therefore decided to postpone the purchase of new boards to a later date.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Joe thanked Bruce Robertson for providing such good quality food, at such a low cost, for the Christmas party. He also thanked the Secretary, Treasurer and committee members for their work and support and the members who helped get the hall ready for play and clearing up afterwards.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT AND MATCH RESULTS

Monica thanked our retiring Chairman, Joe, for his work and dedication to the club during the past fourteen years.

83 members had cast their vote for a new Chairman.

Our charity evenings together raised a total of £367.00 for DisCass.

Competition results for 2005-2006 were as follows:

MAISIE LASSETER TROPHY

Jimmy & Jean Drummond/ Stan & Margaret Franklin

MARY MARTIN SALVER

Tom Forristal & Iris Oakden

FRANK OUTRIDGE TROPHY

John Spiers & Johanna Walker

MARY EDWARDS HEAT

Elizabeth Copeman & Jill Pearson

(Steve Bourton & Julia Brough who came second will represent the club at the finals as Elizabeth and Jill are unable to attend.)

WANBOROUGH CUP TEAMS COMPETITION

Robert Bayley & Bruce Robertson / Brian Lewis & Jill Gorddard

BUSBRIDGE TEAMS LEAGUE

2004/2005 Wendy Schlaepfi, Jill Pearson, Jill Rayner, Elizabeth Copeman, & Kathy Bruce

This year's competition is still in progress.

WILSON THROPHY

Anthony Dollard & Stephen Bird

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Once again there was a surplus of income over expenditure. This time it was £309.18 compared to £495.24 for the previous year. The likelihood of a further surplus for 2006/2007 would depend on the number of members for the new year and the amount spent on stationery. Given the surplus in recent years, the subscription would continue at £32.00.

Adoption of the report was proposed by Barbara Broad and seconded by Pam Darlington
Adopted by majority vote.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2006/2007

The secretary and Tom Forristal counted the votes for the new Chairman. The result was as follows:

- Gerald Searle 35 votes
- Robert Bayley 34 votes
- Bruce Howick 14 votes

The outgoing chairman congratulated and welcomed the new Chairman Gerald Searle.

The Secretary then announced that the committee, being empowered to appoint a President, had agreed to bestow the position of Life President on the current President, Chris Wilson, and to bestow the position of Club President on the outgoing Chairman, Joe Redmen.

The Committee 2006/2007 comprising:

- Chairman: Gerald Searle
- Secretary: Monica Clegg
- Treasurer: Brian Haigh
- Committee: Robert Bayley, Jean Brown, Bruce Howick, Josie Redmen , John Spiers

were proposed for and elected en bloc.

The new Chairman, Gerald Searle, thanked all the members who cast their vote and thanked Monica for organizing the Ballot.

8. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

Simon Brough once again agreed to act as Auditor and was thanked by the Chairman for his efforts.

Proposed by Pam Darlington and seconded by Niki Thompson.

9. CHARITIES FOR 2006/2007

Six charities were nominated:

DisCass, Headway, Cancer Research, Hounds, Cheshire Home, The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

The members voted by a majority show of hands to support The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice with money raised from our two charity evenings.

10. Proposal by Brian Lewis, seconded by Bruce Howick: “That the Club obtains and adopts a timer system for bidding and playing”

After a lengthy and sometimes heated discussion the motion was narrowly defeated by a show of hands, **19 for and 21 against**.

11. Proposal by Dorothy Roughly, seconded by Jean Brown: “That the pair sitting out should be determined by the cut of cards”

After a brief discussion this motion was defeated by a show of hands. However it was agreed that the directors would have a north/south sit out whenever possible.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Bob Archer requested that in future travellers be used along with score cards on teams evenings.
- Brian Lewis requested that the constitution be reviewed.
- Tom Forristal requested that the club arrange a Directors course for members as there is a need for more Directors in the club. The Chairman agreed to arrange this as soon as possible.
- Monica said that although the term of office to be served by the Chairman was covered in the constitution several members wanted the matter aired at this AGM. The Chairman confirmed that the position can be challenged at any time but that after a period of three years the Chairman should step down.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was arranged for Tuesday 24th April 2007

Minutes prepared by: Monica Clegg, April 2006