



Minutes of the AGM held at 6.30pm on
Monday 23th March 2015
at the pavilion, Waterhouses

1. Welcome

Chairman Mr Reg Coates welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM

4. Chairman's Report 2014

Mr Reg Coates briefly reviewed the club year, with lots of enjoyable friendly matches, even if we didn't win any! There were more close matches in 2014. Reg thanked Treasurer Mr Ray Salt and Secretary Mr Gordon Kneller for their hard work and input throughout the year.

5. Treasurer's Report 2014

Mr Ray Salt gave a review of the club's finances and presented a spreadsheet giving details. Thanks to Mrs Pam Coates for preparing the spreadsheet. A refund had been paid to Ms K. Douglas, who had paid her Council Tax of £111 to West Devon Borough Council (WDBC) and whose payment had made its way into the bowling club's account. Her bank had been at fault, but it had been appropriate to repay the money to her via a cheque. A number of members had paid several years' membership fees in advance to help finance the purchase of the new mower.

6. Election of Officers

Since all officers were prepared to stand again, it was suggested that they be re-elected en masse: Proposer - Mrs Jenny Sale, Seconder - Mr Gunther Karras. The motion was carried unanimously.

Officers for 2015:

Chairman	Mr Reg Coates
Vice-Chairman	Mr Brian McCarthy
Treasurer	Mr Ray Salt
Secretary	Mr Gordon Kneller

7. Confirmation of Actions

It was confirmed that Mr Alan Carr had been granted life membership of the bowling club. No other actions required confirmation at the AGM.

8. Changes to the Constitution and Rules

Mr Gordon Kneller had produced a series of suggested changes to the Constitution and Rules of the Club. These were discussed and approved individually.

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The following changes were made:

Paragraph 1

The club to be known as Waterhouses and District Bowling Club

Paragraph 9

Any member shall be entitled to introduce guests to the club provided that any person so introduced has not had membership refused or been excluded from the club.

(Reference to the Club Guest Book was removed, as the book is not currently used and storage is a problem). This paragraph was changed subject to approval by the Parish Council and their insurers.

Paragraph 11

Subscriptions will be paid annually at the rate determined at the AGM.

(Reference to a set closing date for payment of membership fees was removed).

Paragraph 14

Dissolution of the club for whatever reason must be actioned in accordance with the following method:-

A General Meeting must be called at which the majority of members present must pass a resolution of dissolution, after which

- each trustee and each club member must then be notified, strictly in writing, of the resolution*
- an extra-ordinary general meeting to be held not more than 6 weeks thereafter, the notice being at least 4 weeks prior to the meeting.*

The meeting must be attended by at least 50% of the membership for it to proceed.
The original resolution must be passed by a majority of at two-thirds for it to proceed.
If the resolution is passed and a date set, the serving committee together with the trustees will hold the club in trust, with powers of minimum upkeep expenditure.
- If after one calendar year the club is not reformed the committee and trustees will realise the assets of the club and after discharging all liabilities will pass to Waterhouses Parish Council any remaining monies for safe keeping.*
If the club is reformed the trustees must remain in place and at least two officials from the original committee be elected to the new committee.

(The layout of this paragraph was changed to clarify the procedure. No change to the meaning of the paragraph)

9. Membership Fees and Closing Date

It was agreed that there would be no change to membership fees for 2015. Lengthy discussion took place about when the AGM should take place. It was expected that there would be no increase for 2016 but that if circumstances changed, no membership forms would be issued until after the 2016 AGM. This would mean that if there is any unforeseen expenditure a change could be made to the 2016 fees at the AGM.

10. Date of Next AGM

The date of the next meeting was agreed as **Monday 7th March 2016 at 6.30pm.**