

MINUTES OF THE 101st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HILLHEAD HIGH SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL TRUST HELD WITHIN THE CLUBHOUSE, 32 HUGHENDEN ROAD, GLASGOW G12 9XP AT 1900 HOURS ON TUESDAY 13th JUNE 2023.

The Chairman welcomed the members to this, the hundred and first Annual General Meeting since the establishment of the Trust.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received in respect of E Crozier, H Deas, A Fergus, T Green, J Holland, H Lockhart, H Low, A Mathieson, L and V Melville, ARF Scott, A Thomson and S Trotter.

NOTICE OF MEETING:

The Notice of the Meeting, having been duly circulated to the members, was taken as read, on the proposal of Mr Bond, seconded by Mr Mitchell.

OBITUARIES:

Mr Wilson referred with regret to the passing of Pat Lang, Inez Murray and Elspeth Campbell. The sympathies of the membership were extended to their families.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on Wednesday 26th May 2022, having been previously circulated to the members on the website, were adopted on the proposal of Mr Bond, seconded by Mr Fowler.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Most business arising from the Minutes would be covered in the reports and questions raised regarding these items. Use of the blaes area to the west of the clubhouse will be covered in the plans for the future. Mr Mitchell said he would try to reintroduce the charity collecting boxes in the bars.

SECTION REPORTS:

Reports had been circulated in respect of Cricket, Rugby, Shinty, Tennis, the Gym and the Community Hub Mr Wilson invited all groups to make any updates and congratulated them on maintaining successful participation in all their activities over the last year. He noted the return of indoor activities such as the Probus and commended the work of Ms Ross in getting these activities back up and running.

DIRECTORS' REPORT:

The Directors' Report had been circulated in advance. Mr Wilson referred to the figures showing that we had returned to a net surplus of some £16,000 after a deficit of £6,000 in 2021. Subscription income had risen as had membership numbers, and after a slow start, Café Source Too had shown an increase in trading over the second half of the year. There had been an increase in the numbers of classes, as noted above. Our negotiations with the telecoms company regarding the communication mast had been successfully concluded with a back rental payment. We have some £78,000 in loans outstanding, and the various repayments are being met. There is £25,000 set aside for the replacement of the tennis courts, as agreed with

the SLTA at the time the courts were installed. However utilities costs are increasing, and in general our maintenance costs, cleaning and security of the clubhouse are all rising. The Board is actively investigating means of increasing income, since our present situation suggests a cash flow deficit in 2023 which would not be sustainable in the long term. Suggested ideas are a long term cross-section initiative which would try to co-ordinate activities and operations to allow for better cross-section opportunities for generating revenue and saving costs, which might then be linked into co-operative fund-raising to assist the main club resources. The initial survey had brought some ideas and we aim to use some of these to produce a future strategy which will then be taken back to the membership. Discussions are going on with CST about more club wide activities as well as attracting footfall from the local community. All of this will require a continued tight control over costs but co-operation amongst the membership has so far been very positive. Next season swill see the centenary of the opening of the grounds at Hughenden and we hope to mark this with some commemorative activities.

Mr Mitchell commended the Board on its transparency in reporting of all the operations this year, and suggested a second increase in membership subscriptions would be acceptable. He thought that meetings of the playing section treasurers with the Board might be fruitful.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:

Mr Wilson referred to the accounts which had been pre-circulated. He noted the various items detailed in the accounts and pointed out that we need to address the ending of both the fixed term deals with the gas and electricity companies. The Board is very conscious of increasing costs and is monitoring very carefully all areas where savings can be made.

A number of questions were raised – could we look again at a vending machine for drinks when CST is closed? Mr Fowler said he was looking at options in this area. Mr Mohammed asked about plans for expanding CST's activities, and was told that they had produced some trading projections which showed future plans.

There being no further questions about them, the accounts for 2022 were adopted on the proposal of Mr Mitchell, seconded by Mr Byrne.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

There being four nominations for seven places, Messrs Bond, Buchan, Byrne and Kitchener were declared duly elected.

A.O.C.B.:

a) Mr Mitchell asked if a recent incident of poor behaviour in the club had been successfully brought to a resolution. He was told that the person concerned had apologised profusely, and had been warned in writing about future behaviour

b) Some concern was expressed about forecast heavy rain; Mr Kitchener said that he was monitoring the gulleys and drains around the clubhouse and would sort out sandbags if it became necessary. Maintenance is to be done on the area around the car park and gate where water runs off.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2050 hours with a vote of thanks from Mr Mitchell to the Board for all their work.