

# Minutes of Woking Leisure Centre 50+ Club Annual General Meeting

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 12.30 p.m.

**Present:** Rodney Griffiths – Chairman, Stuart Harding (Leisure Centre Manager), Mike Nigh- Treasurer, Tricia Nigh -Secretary, Alan Gibbs, Stan Craven, Martin Kearton (Leisure Centre Duty Officer), Hilary Thomas, Myra Bayliss  
55 club members at meeting.

**Apologies:** Paul Thomas, Margaret Dentskevich, Chris Lee, Carole Baker, John Vears, Martin Howells, Val Griffiths, Val Challiss, Michelle Jackson, Berlie Mullins

**Approval of minutes of AGM held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011**, proposed by Joan Brown and seconded by Jenny Glaister. The minutes were approved.

**Matters arising** none

## **Chair's Report**

Yet another busy year!

The Leisure Centre activities have been well supported in spite of the flood relief work, and we have barely noticed the transfer to Freedom Leisure. We had another successful REACT Games which Stan will report on later.

Our social activities have again been well supported and often oversubscribed. A group of 27 had a very enjoyable holiday in Klosters and surrounding areas.

The walks programme was very popular.

Over 100 members and friends enjoyed the Quiz Night, raising over £400 for charities.

Over 80 people enjoyed the Christmas Lunch at the Talbot in Ripley.

We already have a varied programme for this year starting with a walk this Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April on Horsell Common- parking is limited so please consider car sharing.

From Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April is the visit to the Dutch Bulb Fields and at the end of June the holiday in France.

I would like to thank the Committee for all their hard work, plus Jane for helping Alan with the Christmas lunch and John Rutter concert, Larry for holding the Quiz, David for checking the accounts, all those who led the walks and you, the members, for supporting us.

Finally thank you to the Leisure Centre Staff for their friendly service and support, especially with the disruptions during the past year.

## **Treasurer's Report**

When I presented my report last year, I promised that your Committee would aim to bring our reserves back to £1,000 during 2010 – 2011 and we achieved reserves of £1,167.68 to carry forward into our 2011 – 2012 financial year.

During this financial year the committee arranged a number of events and excursions which were all highly successful. The Club made charitable donations from the proceeds of our Autumn Quiz and raffle and are very grateful to Larry and Helen Caffrey for setting the questions for us. 112 members and friends raised £405.41 with the result that the Club was able to donate £425 between the Marjorie Richardson Centre and the Surrey Air Ambulance Fund.

Donations to charity have always been an important aspect of the club's activities and in our anniversary year 2009 we were able to purchase a mobility scooter for Woking ShopMobility. We understand from their chairman that this scooter which bears the club's name is almost permanently out on hire bringing in much needed funds to the charity.

This year we have organised 6 excursions and 12 events for you and these are listed in the year end accounts included with your agenda. From these activities we have rebuilt our reserves to £1,272.39, subsidised the Christmas lunch at the Talbot Inn for 84 members and friends plus Leisure Centre guests by contributing some £225 from surpluses on our excursions.

Within the last month the Club purchased 24 short tennis racquets which will be sold to Club members over the new year.

The Club is carrying forward £2,968.80 of member's money for the Dutch bulb fields trip, Woking Victoria's Sister Act, Royal Festival Hall concerts and the Ascot racecourse day trip.

Thank you to all members of the committee who have assisted in collecting cash and cheques for me, especially Alan and Rodney. A special thank you to Tricia for her support and for correcting my verbal blunderings at Monday meetings.

To conclude I would like to thank David Lambert who has reviewed our income and expenditure throughout the year. He confirms that the 2011-12 accounts accompanying this report are a true record of the Clubs financial records.

Acceptance proposed by Philip Bennett and seconded by Chris Taylor, passed unanimously.

### **Leisure Centre Report**

The Freedom Leisure Area Manager, Stuart Harding, thanked 50+ members for their loyalty and also for the lunch provided.

Freedom Leisure was the best candidate out of the three bidding to take over the Leisure Centre management. They have 34 sites in the South East and are bidding for more. Although they have taken over the Leisure Centre and Pool, cleaning, catering and some of the maintenance, Woking Borough Council still operates the plant and facilities.

Between October/November 2012 until May 2013 reconstruction of the Leisure Centre will take place. There will be a new gym with 140 stations, which will be the largest in Surrey, two new studios and full air conditioning.

Four five-a-side football pitches with Astroturf will be constructed behind the Leisure Centre with a 100 place car park under the pitches if planning permission is given. The Catering area will be relocated to the Reception Area, the Ladies changing rooms will be refurbished and some refurbishment in the Men's.

The coach parking area is now operational and there are no plans to chain it.

**Kate Bennett** Badminton members are increasing, are there any plans in improving the lighting?  
**Response** Not yet, but the yellow lights will be replaced by white.

**Chris Roberts** Is Heatwaves going to be improved?  
**Response** This will be done as quickly as possible.

**David Hill** Problems in the Heatwaves take too long to fix after they are reported. General maintenance is poor with dirty air vents, poor pressure, broken tiles and the steam room door catch does not work.

**Response** Leisure Centre will try and fix these soon.

**Pat Guy** Excess water on Heatwaves floor, need some means of mopping water up.

**Roy Braybrook** Equipment is not always ready, the cage is left in the storeroom and the bowls mats are not laid out on time.

**Response by Mike** This subject has been raised previously and brought to the attention of the Leisure Centre Duty Officer. Martin does need to know which days that errors occur so that he may remedy them.

**Philip Bennett** While playing Badminton, Kate fell and broke her wrist. Leisure Centre staff did not offer any first aid help, not even a sling to support the injury, except for a wheelchair to the car and expected Philip to take her to the hospital. Should LC have called an ambulance or paramedic?

**Response** Outside help should have been called. Martin will check on first aider.

**Tricia Nigh** Would it be possible to add Tai Chi classes to 50+?

**Response** Find instructor and bring details, costs and times to LC to consider.

**Chris Taylor** Will the upstairs gym remain while the new one is set up.

**Response** There should be no more than two days disruption.

**Pete Skinner** Please could we revert to using a microphone at future AGM's .

#### **Election of Officers and Committee Members**

Rodney Griffiths  
Mike Nigh  
Tricia Nigh  
Alan Gibbs

Stan Craven  
Hilary Thomas  
Myra Bayliss

Proposal of Committee members for re- election proposed by Tony Burgoyne and seconded by Richard Baldock. Members re-elected unanimously.

Proposal of new member, Diann Arnfield by John Vears, seconded by Betty McClelland, passed unanimously

#### **Appeal for Walk Leaders**

Leaders are needed for the evening walks which run from May until September. These are about three miles long and usually finish at a pub in time for supper.

Leaders are also needed for the regular Wednesday walks for October and November.

Car sharing is a good idea as parking places are often scarce at some walk venues.

50+ Walks Files are on display to give leaders ideas.

Pete Skinner will lead a South Downs walk on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012. The coach will drop walkers near Brighton, there may be room for some non- walkers and the details will be out next week.

#### **REACT Games**

The REACT Games took place on Thursday 3rd November 2011 at Flemming Park, Eastleigh. Woking Leisure Centre kindly paid for a coach to take us there and back, saving the strain of driving. Three trophies were won by Woking, second only to Wellington College (who always win).

Rivermead will hold the games on 5th November 2012 if their bid is successful and Wellington will hold them in September if the games are held there. Stan will advise members when he knows the date and venue.

Stan thanked the Leisure Centre for their financial support in the REACT Games.

**Any Other Business**

Dutch Bulb Fields Holiday

The coach will be leaving at 6 a.m. from the Leisure Centre car park. The itineraries have now arrived and Myra will give them out on the coach. The return journey will be by the 17.55 boat from Calais. The coach will hopefully drop people at Woking Station to get a taxi on the return journey.

Payment for the Janocek and Ben Hur concerts is due this week.

Donations to the Matthias Parker Charity. Stan reported that sadly Matthias has died, but Steven Gerrard visited him while he was in the Hospice.

Joan Brown thanked the Committee members for arranging events and also the Leisure Centre giving good value for money to 50+ members.

The meeting closed at 1.30 p.m.