

Minutes of Woking Leisure Centre 50+ Club Annual General Meeting

Monday 14th April, 2014 at 12.30 p.m.

Present: Rodney Griffiths – Chairman, Jon Hames – Leisure Centre Manager, Martin Kearton – Leisure Centre Duty Manager, Odette Sijben – Treasurer, Elaine Bailey, Pamela Bedder – Joint Secretaries, Alan Gibbs, Myra Bayliss, Diann Arnfield, Hilary Thomas, Stan Craven. 44 club members attended the meeting.

Apologies: Carol Baker, Margaret Linklater, Tricia Nigh, Jean Oakley, Sheila Lamb, Lynne Grey, Alurie Dutton, Ann Finn, Sandy Bridger, Val Griffiths, Mary & Simon Parish.

Approval of minutes of AGM held on 29th April, 2013 proposed by David Hill and seconded by David Rackham. The minutes were approved.

There were no matters arising.

Chair's Report

The club has had another busy year. The Leisure Centre activities have been well supported with the new gym circuit and spinning sessions proving popular.

The social activities have been popular and a large group enjoyed the usual visit to the Manor House – thank you Joyce for organising this. The holiday to Slovenia was a huge success with perfect weather – thank you Peter for organising.

The outings have all been enjoyed although we had vacancies on some; one ten pin bowling session was cancelled.

The theatre outings and concerts were enjoyed although the Festival Hall visits are not as well supported as they were in the past.

The walks programme continues to be well supported with a good number of different leaders.

The Christmas lunch at Sutton Green Golf Club was enjoyed once again with 79 members and friends.

The Quiz was enjoyed by all and again raised a healthy profit for charity.

Work is well underway on next year's activities – a long weekend in France at the end of April, the Manor House in May and a holiday to Austria at the end of June. There will also be a Summer Party again this year.

The Club website is now managed by Alan Sandell who is keeping it up to date.

Last year we elected new joint secretaries and a new treasurer, Pam, Elaine and Odette, who with excellent handovers from Mike and Tricia Nigh have made an almost seamless transition into their roles – thank you all of you. Thank you also to the rest of the committee for all your efforts on behalf of the club.

Finally thank you to the Leisure Centre staff for making our activities run as smoothly as possible.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer's Report 2013 - 2014

At last year's Annual General Meeting the Treasurer's job was handed over to me by Mike Nigh. Mike had been the Treasurer of the 50+ Club for 7 years and in that time he had developed a comprehensive record keeping and book keeping system. It has taken me some time to get used to the system, but I feel I am now confident working with it. At the start of the financial year I was given responsibility for £1,285 of reserves. Now, one year later, I can report reserves of £1,237 to be carried forward into our 2014-2015 financial year.

This year members of your committee organised eleven excursions and sixteen events and these are listed in the supplement to the year-end accounts which have been circulated to you for your review. As an overall result of these activities we have maintained our reserves, and from the proceeds of the Autumn Quiz and raffle we made a donation of £300 to this year's nominated charity "The Friends of the Beacon". We had a very successful Christmas lunch, once again at Sutton Green Golf Club, for 77 members and friends plus Leisure Centre guests. Included in the total cash balances of £2,750 as at 31 March 2014 is a carry forward of £1,513 of members' payments for three excursions (the visits to Stonehenge, Museum of London and Eltham Palace), the short break holiday to France and three concerts in the Royal Festival Hall taking place in the current financial year.

Our ability to maintain our reserves at the current level is largely due to the support the Club receives from the Leisure Centre Management. They encourage new activities in the Leisure Centre and support us through the provision of instructors and provision of equipment at no cost to the Club. On behalf of all our members I wish to thank Jon, Martin, and their staff.

Thank you to all members of the committee who have assisted in collecting cash and cheques for me. I would also like to thank our internal auditor David Lambert who has reviewed our financial records and income and expenditure statement throughout the year. He confirms that the 2013-14 accounts accompanying this

report are a true record of the Club's financial position as at 31 March 2014 and the Club's income and expenditure during the financial year.

Thank you to all who have provided the refreshments for this Annual General Meeting, please see me afterwards if you would like any reimbursement.

There were no questions from the floor.

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Peter Skinner and seconded by Chris Taylor.

Leisure Centre Report – Jon Hames – Leisure Centre Manager

Jon thanked the 50+ members and the committee for their enthusiasm for the club. The number of 50+ entries has gone up by 161 this year to 5147. The Leisure Centre has agreed court 10 can be used for badminton on Mondays with just a very few exceptions during the year.

It has been a busy year with ongoing development work throughout the year. The Health Suite, ladies and gents changing rooms have been updated and the new gym and café area have opened. The new 3G football pitches at the rear of the Centre will be ready soon and will take some football games from inside to the outside.

Usage of the facilities has increased dramatically and doubled in some areas, the spinning has more than doubled. Phone answering has been a challenge due to an old system which will be reviewed and a new system introduced during the year. The booking in kiosks for annual/monthly members is working well which reduces the queues at reception

Use of the Pool in the Park has declined this year but the Leisure Centre has done well to come in £20k under budget. There have been a few staff changes. Alex Lee – Staff Duty Manager has been with the Centre 6 months, Wendy Lucas has left and will be replaced. Catherine Bowyer has moved from the Pool to the Centre and Jackie Waite becomes the new studio coordinator.

There are no plans for major future spending on the Centre but it is hoped that the Wurlitzer Hall will have work done on its walls and floor requiring £7 - £10k. The Centre has applied to central funding for some new equipment i.e. table tennis tables and short mat bowls equipment. There have been requests for more lockers by the Gym entrance. The Pool is now 22 years old and requires work to be done on the slides at a cost of approximately £100k

Car parking has been a challenge but there will be an additional 261 spaces available at the rear of the Centre in about a months' time. Woking Borough Council has stated that they will be charging for stays of longer than 3 hours from October as opposed to 4 hours as at present. Although nothing is confirmed by the Council yet it is suspected that the charges will be in line with the Town Centre Car Park charges. The Council will be contacting every organisation that uses the Car Park asking for their requirements for permits.

Questions from the floor to Jon Hames

Maureen Taylor raised the concern that many 50+ members socialise in the Café area after their 3 hours session and asked if this would be taken into consideration when parking and whether if they have to pay for another hour this can be done on entry to the car park in the morning rather than having to clock watch and possibly rush to the machines in the middle of an activity. Jon stated that all these queries will have to be answered by Woking Borough Council as the Car Park is their responsibility but that in previous surveys it has been found that most users of the Centre do so for just 2 hours at a time. The daily charge will go up to around £9 to deter all day parking for the town and train line.

When 50+ uses a coach for outings then the Centre always provide an all-day parking permit for members cars and **Mary Papworth** asked if this would still be possible. Jon could not confirm that this will be possible after October and it is something that we would need to raise with the Council.

A question was asked as to why the maintenance in Heatwaves is so slow. Jon apologized for the time taken in the past but the way forward is good.

Jon finished by thanking the committee for their support.

Election of officers and committee members

Members standing for re-election

Rodney Griffiths	Chairman
Odette Sijben	Treasurer
Elaine Bailey	Joint Secretary
Pamela Bedder	Joint Secretary
Myra Bayliss	
Diann Arnfield	
Stan Craven	
Alan Gibbs	
Hilary Thomas	

There were no nominations from the floor. The re-election was proposed by Jenny Glaister and seconded by Jackie Lambert and confirmed by a show of hands from the floor.

REACT Games 2013 ~ Report by Stan Craven

Last year's games were held at Wellington College for the second successive year. We managed to enter a team albeit not a complete one. However we credited ourselves really well, had we had more support from the Short Mat Bowlers and Ladies Racket Ball we could have done even better. As it was we managed to achieve the following medal placings:-

Swimming	~	50+ Gold	~	65+ Silver
Table Tennis	~	50+ Gold	~	65+ Gold
Badminton	~	50+ Silver		

Final Results

We were runners up to Wellington in the 50+ competition and third behind Wellington and Alton in the 65+ competition.

We were also overall runners up to Wellington in the games, which was a very pleasing result. I might add there were eleven teams competing this year as opposed to ten last year,

Final Points Position	50+	65+
	1 st Wellington~37 points	1 st Wellington~44 points
	2 nd Woking ~ 31 points	2 nd Alton ~ 24 points
	3 rd Alton ~ 16 points	3 rd Woking ~ 23 points

The 2014 games will be held at Rivermead Leisure Centre Reading on Monday 20th October, 2014.

Stan also reported that he is speaking with the Leisure Centre Management with a view to holding a future REACT games event at Woking but stressed that in order for this to take place the club will need a huge support from the members to help run the event both before and during the competition.

A.O.B. NONE

The meeting ended at 1.25 p.m.