

Minutes of the Woking Leisure Centre 50+ Club AGM

Held on Monday 23rd April, 2018 at the Leisure Centre.

Rodney Griffiths, 50+ Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and a form was passed round for those present to sign.

Apologies were received from Steve and Fiona Norton, Bob Macdonald, Mary Parish, Phil Haddow, Jenny Glaister, Diann Arnfield, Stan Craven.

The minutes of the AGM held on Monday 24th April, 2017 were agreed as correct and approval proposed by Marion Bowler, seconded by Jill Goff and confirmed by all the members with a show of hands.

There were no matters arising.

Chairs Report

The club has had another busy year. Again over 40 members enjoyed the usual trip to Okehampton – thanks to Roger for organising this.

Peter Stone organised another holiday to Austria for 16 members who enjoyed themselves – thank you Peter for organising this and the previous holidays – Peter is now bowling out.

The short break to Lille and Arras was very much enjoyed by those members who took part – described to me as fantastic. Thank you to Diann for organising this.

The summer party was enjoyed by some 40 members. We were well entertained by the band that stayed for part of the camp fire sing-a-long. We were well fed by Pam and Elaine – thank you. Thank you Jenny for the use of your garden and everybody who helped with tents, food etc. I am pleased to say that Jenny has invited us again this year.

Myra organised an enjoyable canal boat trip on the river Wey from Guildford – thank you Myra.

In response to reaction to a proposed London walk at last years' AGM Hilary organised this and it was oversubscribed – perhaps we should repeat it – thank you Hilary.

We held a successful Quiz night in November with the proceeds going to St. Lukes Cancer Centre – thank you Larry and those who organised this.

Myra organised an enjoyable trip to the Christmas event in Rochester in December – thank you Myra.

Our Christmas Lunch at Sutton Green Golf Club was enjoyed by 90+ members. We have provisionally booked for this year – thank you Alan, Myra, Ian and others plus Larry for the quiz.

Myra has organised an ongoing programme of concerts throughout the winter at the Royal Festival Hall – thank you Myra.

The monthly walks have been well supported – Hilary is always looking for new leaders - thank you Hilary and all the walk leaders.

Finally thank you to the committee for all your hard work on behalf of our members. Also thank you to the Leisure Centre staff for their efforts to provide the facilities we require. Thank you also to Alan Sandell for looking after and keeping our website up to date – you may have noticed a change in access during the year.

I have a report from Stan on the REACT games later but congratulations to all the winners and those who took part and a big thank you to all those who helped make it a successful day.

Treasurer's Report

There was a copy of Woking Leisure Centre 50+ Club Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March, 2018 for each member.

Ian pointed out that it had been another successful year and the available funds at 31st March, 2018 were very similar to the figure this time last year. This means that we are balancing our spending i.e. short tennis balls (£100), public liability costs (£250), AGM expenses etc. against any profits from events.

There were no questions to the treasurer.

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Alan Sandell, seconded by Malcolm Waldron and agreed with a show of hands by all members present.

A paper copy of the accounts will be filed with these minutes.

Leisure Centre Report

John Hames introduced Angela Baillie who is the new liaison manager between the Leisure Centre and WBC and then John gave this report.

Thank you all for attending today and thank you all your support over the last year.

In 2017/18 we have seen 6,210 Visits against 6400 visits in 2016/17 from 50+ members which despite being slightly less, it still shows how consistent the attendance figures have been and goes to show how successful the club has been over the past years.

In addition to the above attendance there have been 1300 visits to our walking football, basketball and netball activities which are also attended by a majority of 50+ customers.

I would like to thank the committee for all their work this year as without them this would not be possible.

The leisure centre has continued to be extremely busy over the past year with the continual investment and development of the centre and the activities that take place here.

Developments

LC

- Ongoing re-decoration plan & safety improvements (stairwells, stair nosing, signage)
- New sauna benches
- New rowing machines

Pool

- New park kiosk

Future Projects and plans that you may be interested in.

LC

- Changing rooms refurbishment
- CV gym equipment is due to be replaced/ upgraded

Pool

- Installation of new water slides
- Refurbishment of changing rooms.

Going forward

Ongoing review of the programmed and facilities made available to the 50+ group and look to increase usage further where opportunities arise.

I hope you will all continue to make use of the facilities and if anyone has any suggestions on improvements to the service please feed these back to the committee who will I turn forward these on to the LC management for consideration

There were some questions to John and Angela

One member cannot use the automatic machines to access the L.C for 50+ sessions. This will be looked into by the L.C.

There is at least one car parking machine not working and the L.C. will report this to Woking Borough Council.

It was pointed out by Jon and Angela that if the front car park is full then the 3G car park at the back of the L.C. can be used at any time.

The tennis players are continually being harassed by other users of the courts who do not stick to the courts they have been allocated. Angela reported that these courts may revert back to the Woking Lawn Tennis Club but that 50+ will be a protected user.

There is a long queue to get out into the main road from the L.C. at certain times. Jon and Angela reported that WBC are aware of this and that Hoe Valley School is going from the car park in the summer so this will relieve the traffic situation.

One member congratulated the L.C. on providing good value for money for their clients.

Rodney asked members to provide all their positive feedback to the L.C. in written form and hand it into reception as future inspections can be shown the feedback from clients.

He also asked members to raise any problems as they occurred.

Election of officers and Committee Members

Rodney Griffiths - Chair, Ian Wilson - Treasurer, Alan Gibbs - Assistant Treasurer, Pam Bedder & Elaine Bailey - Joint Secretaries, Hilary Thomas - Walks co-ordinator. Stan Craven - REACT Games representative, Diann Arnfield, & Myra Bayliss, - outings and concerts organisers.

The above named officers were proposed by Dulcie Lawrence, seconded by Jane Gibbs and approved by all those members present.

REACT Games - Stan Craven sent the following report.

The 2017 REACT games were held here on Thursday 30th November, 2017, a little later than usual. This was our second and final years hosting. The first year was on a trial and error basis and lessons were learned, so much so that everything the second time around went so much better.

Our games committee consisting of eight people covered every aspect of the games exceptionally well.

Our volunteer members controlling individual activities made sure events ran smoothly and on time, doing a great job.

The presentation of trophies in the Main Hall was well on time and was a good finale to successful games.

Our club had many compliments on the way, everything from visiting clubs and the standard of playing facilities played on.

The 2018 hosts High Wycombe have already met with Alan Sandell and me to discuss the way we went about our organizing arrangements. They were well impressed, so again thank you everyone concerned.

Our raffle team did well raising £250 which covered some of our running costs, thank you ladies.

On the competitive side we were unable to put out a full team once again and to make matters worse we were hit with a few problems 48 hours prior to the games, but on the whole we did well.

This year's date is Thursday 18th October, 2018.

A.O.B.

Rodney had two items.

Diann's trip to Amiens in September is under subscribed at the moment and will need more participants in order to take place. Rodney asked members to consider if they would like to book.

It has come to the Chairs attention that some short tennis players are being disregarded and not having their fair share of games, he asked that everyone be included fairly.

A member noted that numbers are low at the AGM this year and suggested that next year we hold the meeting a little later which might encourage more members to attend as there would not be a wait between the meeting finishing and sessions starting.

The meeting finished at 1.10 p.m.