

**Minutes of the Woking Leisure Centre 50+ Club  
Annual General Meeting held at Woking Leisure Centre  
on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 1pm**

Woking Leisure Centre 50+ Club Chairman Alan Gibbs welcomed 23 Members of 50+ Club present, to the 2022 AGM.

**Apologies** were received from Pamela Bedder, Jackie Lambert, David Lambert, Linda Hall, Marilyn Frame, Stan Craven, Christine Murch, Dulcie Lawrence.

**The Minutes** of the 2019 AGM, the last AGM held, which had previously been circulated to Members, were approved by David Hill and seconded by Chris Roberts.

**Matters Arising** – None

**Chairman's Address**

I welcome you all to today's Annual General Meeting of The Woking Leisure Centre 50 + Club. As a result of the Covid epidemic, and the shutdown of many of our sessions and activities over the course of the epidemic, it was in the distant mists of time that we had our last Annual General Meeting – 29 April 2019 seems a long way back. However, your Committee, last formally elected in April 2019, has continued to meet whenever possible to review, with the Leisure Centre management, developments and review what was and was not possible for 50+ Club activities during those difficult times. As you will understand it was also a very difficult time for the Leisure Centre itself, but we were welcomed back in September 2021, and I am glad to see it now back in full operation with the full resumption of our sports activities at the Centre. However, during the school half term and holiday periods, the availability of court space for short tennis, badminton, table tennis and racquet ball will continue to be limited when the Leisure Centre run activity programs for children. This has been a recent development but is something that we will continue to have live with. Given the difficult time financially that the Leisure

Centre had during the various lockdowns and the various government restrictions on gatherings etc. these children's' activity camps are one way that the Leisure Centre can attempt to make up some of lost income.

One of our regular activities outside the Leisure Centre, The Wednesday Walks program has continued, when and where possible, thanks to the sterling efforts of our Committee Member for walks, Hilary Thomas, and the team of walk leaders who work very hard in researching and trialling a variety of walks. I wish to thank them for all their efforts in keeping this activity going. I have been asked why as a change from previous practice we have had to restrict numbers attending these walks. In the modern age of public liability insurance, and our required duty of care, we do have the obligation to undertake and record in some detail formal risk assessments for events that we organise, and so a limit on numbers assists with the management and risk assessment process of the events.

After a long absence, we were able to hold another Quiz Night in the Leisure Centre in February this year, that was well attended. A net income of £249.85 over the expenses incurred for the running of the event was achieved as shown in the Hon. Treasurer's accounts that have been handed out to you. In previous years your Committee decided on a donation to be made to a local charity from the net income from the Quiz Night function, but given the continuation of 50+ Club running expenses, such as Public Liability insurance premiums, stationery, printing costs etc. it was decided by your Committee to hold the net income from the 2022 Quiz Night in Club funds, with the situation to be reviewed at the end of 2022. My thanks to Elaine Bailey for the organisation of a successful evening and our Quiz Master. Larry Caffrey, for the challenging quiz.

Despite the threat of another possible Government decreed lockdown, we were able to go ahead with the 2021 50+ Club Christmas Lunch at the Sutton Green Golf Club on Friday 10. December 2021 for which 83 members and guests had signed up. Regretfully, four members could not make it at the last moment due to illness and funerals, but I thank all those members who did attend for making it a very enjoyable event. Our traditional Christmas Lunch Quiz Master, Larry Caffrey, was not able to attend the event this year, but his quiz was no less difficult. My thanks to Alan Sandell for standing in for Larry

at the last moment. It is probable that we will not be able to use the Sutton Green Golf Club again for our Christmas Lunch events, as we understand that the Golf Club has been or is being sold to developers for the creation of a new retirement village. Your Committee is exploring other possible venues for the 2022 Christmas Lunch.

As for excursions and trips organised by the 50 + Club, the Covid epidemic and the series of lockdowns resulted in this side of our activities being seriously curtailed. However, the 4-day excursion to Yorkshire in early October 2021 went ahead with 25 attendees and was greatly enjoyed. The day trip to the Military Museum originally scheduled for 28 April 2021 had to be postponed for another suitable date in 2022, and this date is still to be determined. The three-day excursion to Gloucester, the Wye Valley and the Cotswolds is taking place on Monday 23 May 2022 with 26 members signed up for the trip. My thanks to Diann Arnfield for all her hard work in making the arrangements for these greatly appreciated activities. Now that Covid restrictions have eased significantly, your Committee will be looking into putting together a new program of trips and excursions, where feasible, bearing in mind that transportation costs and venue cost will likely have increased significantly.

Following the retirement of Myra Bayliss and Allan Morris from the 50+ Club Committee, we recently invited Alan Sandell and Maggie Stapley to join the Committee on a temporary basis pending their formal election at this year's AGM. All the other Committee members, whose names are shown on the Agenda sheet and who were last elected at the AGM in April 2019, have confirmed that they are willing to stand for re-election at this year's AGM. As of today, I have received no new nominations for office holders or committee members for the 50+ Club.

In closing I would like to extend the Club's thanks to Matt and Abbey of the Leisure Centre management team and all the Leisure Centre staff making the 50+ club's activities in the Leisure Centre run as smoothly as possible, given all the pressures they have faced with the Covid lockdowns and numerous staff changes. Abbey Woodhouse very recently left the Leisure Centre management team and we wish her well in her new employment.

I would also like to thank all our Committee members for all their hard work and perseverance over the difficult times since the last AGM, and especially our Hon. Treasurer, Ian Wilson, for nursing our finances, and our joint Secretaries, Pam Bedder and Elaine Bailey, for keeping us all in touch with what is going on with the 50+ Club.

Regretfully we do not have any representatives present today from the Leisure Centre management team, so if you, the members present, have any questions or comments on the facilities/equipment provided by the Leisure Centre for our sessions, I would be grateful if you would hold them until the very end of the agenda for this meeting. This will enable our Hon. Secretary to record the questions/comments and we will endeavour to bring them to the attention of the Leisure Centre management team as soon as possible.

### **Treasurers Report**

A copy of the Treasurers Report was given to each 50+ Member who attended the AGM. They were approved by Mike Eden and seconded by David Taylor. A printed copy of the Treasurer's report is attached to these Minutes for record.

### **Leisure Centre Report**

There were no representatives present from the Leisure Centre.

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

The following Officials and Committee Members agreed to stand for re-election along with 2 New Members standing for election. They were nominated by David Hill, seconded by Jean Sandell, and voted in by a show of hands from the floor.

### **Present Committee Members standing for re-election.**

**Alan Gibbs.**  
**Ian Wilson.**  
**Pam Bedder.**

**Chair**  
**Treasurer**  
**Joint Secretary**

**Elaine Bailey.**  
**Stan Craven.**  
**Hilary Thomas.**  
**Diann Arnfield.**

**Joint Secretary**

**New 50+ Club Committee Members standing for election.**

**Alan Sandell.**  
**Maggie Stapley.**

### **REACT Games**

Report from Stan Craven

‘There is very little to say about REACT except there is still interest from a few clubs to carry on with the competition even though membership at most clubs has dropped significantly. There will not be a Games in 2022 although Winchester were keen to host it. It was decided to hopefully try for 2023. The Chairman in the meantime will visit Winchester and view their facilities for suitability. Unfortunately, Fareham Club have withdrawn from REACT due to lack of members at their club.

### **Any Other Business**

Member Mike Eden commented on the shortage of Table Tennis tables for use by the 50+ Club on Thursday mornings during the Easter Break. Some of the available tables are broken and need to be repaired or replaced.

Alan Gibbs asked if any of the Members present would be willing to be a Walk Leader as Hilary Thomas was looking for additional Walk Leaders.

We currently have three 50+ Club sessions each week, on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, and Thursday mornings. The Monday and Thursday sessions are fairly well attended. However, on Tuesdays there are usually only 8-12 Badminton players and 6-8 Tennis players present. The possible risk, if the number of members attending continues to fall, is that the facilities/courts made available for our sessions may be reduced or we could lose them.

Alan Gibbs asked the Members present to encourage other members to renew their attendance, and to consider promoting the 50+ Club to friends and contacts.

Member Chris Roberts thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

**There being no other matters brought up for discussion, the meeting closed at 1.27pm**