

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 4th May 2016

1. Minutes of the 2015 A.G.M. Approved
2. Reports: Chair, Treasurer

This year, activities have included:

- Bowls and Tennis: matches, competitions, social play, coaching and social events
- 26 hrs of Arts & Crafts
- 65 hrs of Dance classes
- 114 hrs of Tai Chi
- 43 hrs of Yoga
- 46 hrs of Kettlebells exercise
- 149 Playgroup mornings
- 47 sessions for the Toddlers' Group
- 11 monthly Women's Institute meetings
- 41 hall bookings for private events, parties etc.

The Association organised:

- A Mid-Summer Party
- Afternoon Tea in July
- A very enjoyable Carol-Singing session on Christmas Eve
- An Easter event

The Hall has also been used:

- As a Polling Station
- For a public meeting about local traffic issues
- For a public meeting of the East Gosforth Ward Committee
- For a MacMillan Coffee Morning and by the local Marie Curie Committee
- For councillors' monthly surgeries.

The Management Committee has

- Undertaken routine maintenance to building and grounds
- Had the Children's Play Area relocated, much appreciated by users and their leaders
- Had a paved ramp installed to replace an awkward drop by the bowling green
- Organised fence repairs after wind damage
- Fitted solar spotlights to aid access and departures
- Had the building revalued for insurance purposes
- Been granted planning permission to replace old sheds with a concrete garage, and up-grade the bowling green irrigation tank and pump
- Successfully applied for grant aid towards this project
- Begun to set up 'Teams' of Committee Members and Volunteers to tackle some of the aspects of running the site and the organisation.

Financial comment:

The year 2015-16 began with a balance of £5,854. Our routine costs were as expected. Our main one-off expense was in relocating the children’s play area to a bigger, better, grassier and more secure space, and the provision of more paving there. At the same time we replaced an awkward outdoor drop with a paved ramp.

Non-routine administrative costs included legal fees for previous changes to the Holding Trustees, a charge for the revaluation of the building for insurance purposes, and an application for planning permission to up-grade the bowling green irrigation system and replace two worn-out sheds with a concrete garage.

We are grateful to our councillors’ East Gosforth Ward Committee for grant aid towards our general costs and this final project in our overall renovation of the major parts of our site. Our end-of-year balance of £10,964 includes a grant of £4,600 which will help us to pay for part of this work.

3. Committee Members: Election/Re-election of two of the six elected committee members.

There were no proposals for new Committee Members. The meeting left it to the Management Committee to decide which two from Chrissie Hall, Jacqueline Lambert, Susan Woods and Nick Simon would be reappointed for three years, (and therefore which other two’s tenure would end in the Spring of 2017). It was noted that, at the previous meeting, Jackie Fender had been appointed for three years from May 2015, and John Fisher appointed as Treasurer for the same length of time.

4. Decision on which user groups can appoint a committee member. (Currently Bowls, Tennis, W.I. and Toddlers’ Group).

The Management Committee was authorised to amend the current list if a user group had an interest in appointing a Committee Member. (Such ‘Sectional’ appointments last for one year.)

5. Any other business and open discussion.

Chair asked for any comment or questions from the floor. Overwhelming congratulations were received from members of the floor on the work completed by the Management Committee.

No further questions were received. The Chair thanked all those present and closed the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the General Meeting held on

Signed: Name: Position: