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## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Bull, Benenden on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Present:** Mr Brian Smith (Acting Chairman),  
Mr Roy Dunstall (Assistant Secretary)

and 19 members

### 1. Notice of the Meeting

With the consent of those present, the Notice of the Meeting was taken as read.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from John Izbicki, Ronny Todd-Young, Gavin Wetton, Ivor Brick, Peter Hulme, Colin Stoneman, Anthony Cooper, Jan Kobus, Stuart Ebbutt, Michael Clemson, Gordon Clark, Roger Clifford, Nick Evelegh, David Nicholl, David Presgrave, Howard Williams, Donald Stevens Philip Taylor, Maurice Lovell and Dick Hill

### 3. Minutes of the AGM Dated 11th April 2016

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated to the members. Colin Hayman proposed acceptance of these, seconded by Ken Tutt and were approved. There were no matters arising.

### 4. Chairman's Address

Brian Smith explained that he was chairing the meeting due to the illness of Michael Clemson. He hoped for his early recovery. He thanked the Committee and the Officers for their work over the past year. Jan Kobus has resigned as Secretary due to ill health, and John Skekyls has also resigned.

### 5. Treasurer's Report

The accounts had been circulated to the members. The Treasurer was unable to be present and Roy Dunstall drew the attention of the members to various key figures, stating that the accounts were showing an increase in income for the year and the surplus was £47, slightly less than last year.

Dick Hill had recommended that the cost of lunches be increased from £16 to £17, and that the Membership fee should increase to £15 from £13 to give a small surplus to the funds and to enable us to pay visiting speakers.

Brian Smith proposed that the audited accounts be accepted, seconded by Norman Freeston and passed unanimously by the members.

The changes to the dining fee and subscription were proposed by Robin Morton and seconded by David Jolley, and unanimously accepted.

Michael Skinner has kindly agreed to audit the accounts for the next season and he was thanked for the preparation of the accounts for this season.

Brian Smith made a presentation to Lucy for the services received from her and the

staff of The Bull over the past year. She thanked the members for their support.

#### **6. Amendment to the Constitution**

Roy Dunstall explained that the duties of a membership secretary were currently being fulfilled by Philip Taylor, as a committee member, but it was thought by the Committee that this should be regularised by amending the Constitution to recognise this office.

Ken Tutt proposed that the office of Hon. Membership Secretary be created, seconded by Alan West, and passed unanimously.

Clause 3, paragraph 2, of the Constitution will be amended accordingly.

The office of Assistant Secretary was discussed, questioning whether it was still relevant and it was agreed to keep the situation unaltered.

#### **7. Election of Officers**

Brian Smith proposed that Michael Clemson be re-elected as Chairman.

He proposed the following posts, as recommended by the Committee -

Brian Smith – Immediate Past Chairman

Robin Morton – Vice Chairman

Roy Dunstall – Secretary

Dick Hill – Treasurer

Philip Taylor – Membership Secretary

There are 3 vacancies for committee members,

David Jolley has agreed to stand (proposed by Robin Morton, seconded by Brian Smith) and Norman Freestone (proposed by Roy Dunstall, seconded by Dennis Keenlyside).

The posts of Social Secretary and Assistant Secretary remain unfilled.

Michael Skinner offered himself for re-election as Auditor. Proposed by Ken Tutt, seconded by David Jolly.

All of these changes and appointments were accepted by Robin Dalton Homes, who proposed their acceptance, and were seconded by Alastair Cooke.

#### **8. Any Other Business**

Robin Dalton Homes questioned the whereabouts of the equipment owned by the Club. It was believed that the projector is currently in the hands of Philip Taylor and this will be confirmed. It will be required for use by the speaker at the May meeting. Roy Dunstall has offered the use of his laptop computer when required by the presenters at the regular meetings.

It was suggested by Ken Tutt that a training session be held so that some members can be proficient in the use of the equipment.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the acting Chairman.