

Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BEARE GREEN VILLAGE HALL

7:00 pm 28th June 2023

Present : Paul Mott, Chairman, Linda Horvath, Treasurer, Steve Campbell, Trustee, James Stuart, Trustee Alan Smallwood, Trustee, Laura Mott, Trustee, Garry Anstee, Trustee, Yvonne Anstee, Member

The Chairman welcomed those present

There were no apologies for absence

Minutes of the AGM held THURSDAY 9th June 2022 in relation to the year ending 31st March 2022 were **approved**. There were no matters arising.

The treasurer gave the following report (summarised for these minutes) :

Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year ending 31.03.2023

The draft annual accounts have been compiled for the year up to the 31st March 2023 by Michelle Carvell. They will later be looked at by an independent party who was not treasurer, and is not a trustee. They show total cash at bank and in hand of £50,789.50, with an outstanding debt to Mole Valley payable by end 2040 of £35,000.

Thanks are due to Laura Mott for managing the bookings and invoicing.

The chairman gave the following report (summarised for these minutes) ::

Chairman's Report for the Year ending 31.03.23

I would like to welcome you all to this year's BGCA AGM. I became chairman in summer 2021, which already seems a long time ago; I'm also webmaster.

We welcomed Garry Anstee, Laura Mott and James Stuart as trustees after the last AGM, in summer 2022. Laura has done a cracking job on social media developing the number of stalls for fun day and for the Christmas fair, so that the stalls filled the main hall at Christmas, and managing bookings all year round.

I'd like to thank all trustees and volunteers for all that you do all year round, without which nothing would happen, no fun day, no cinema, no jumble, no hall maintenance. Steve is always exceptional as event and volunteer/operations manager, and Steve and Linda make a great team, often with James, running the cinema. Alan does so many things and spots and fixes so many practical problems that I have difficulty listing them all, all the while helping other villages too. Steve and James are often to be found working together fixing lights, bunting, signs and other such tasks.

The trustees were very sad that past Chairman Sandy Horvath, who had done so much for BGCA over a number of years (as he had for a number of other organisations), passed away in November after a short illness. A memorial service attended by some of us was held in South Holmwood church. Just after the end of this reporting period 2022/23, a suitable memorial plaque to Sandy was procured and placed on a new bench facing the pond.

The village bookshare has continued under Gary Anstee's diligent management.

The vaccine hire was at a low level during most of 22/23, then intense for a while at up to 4 days a week in early December 2022 (resulting in a high heating bill, matched by good hire income), then the hire temporarily ceased for the rest of 2022/23.

I said last year that I had a vision that Beare Green Village Hall should be the greenest it can be. The grant came through from Mole Valley of £5000 for which we are very grateful, covering most of the cost of the two EV chargers which were in by December. They have saved 5 tonnes of carbon and the electricity dispensed is equal to 5 domestic homes' consumption. It has increased our electricity consumption, of course, but we have made £550 net income contribution from them towards the £1000 that we paid towards the chargers.

Cinema attendances have been acceptable. We are operating it at a small loss as you can see from the accounts - which we think to be OK.

The children's Christmas Party 23 was a success again, with over 30 happy Children each receiving a present and food and enjoying games, and the Christmas themed bouncy castle BGCA had hired. The event was funded by BGCA, and we are grateful to the helpers that came. It was quite a burden for trustees close to Christmas alongside the Christmas fair and the December cinema and decorating the hall, and we probably won't repeat it in 2023. I was grateful to a local business for the donation of an external Christmas tree.

The jumble sale in February 23 brought together a large band of volunteers and villagers.

In other news, the hall roof was de-mossed at the end of 22/23 (payment for this will just fall into 2023/24 financial year) and copper strips added to prevent moss formation; the rear exit ramp was de-mossed as was the pavement around the hall to avoid a slip hazard; attention was paid to hazards generally, and Garry updated the first aid boxes.

None of the activities or the running of the Halls happen without the work of our volunteers and trustees and would welcome anyone from the Village to join the managing committee either as a volunteer or a Trustee. I repeat my thanks above to all our volunteers and the trustees for everything they do to help because without them the events would simply not take place.

I will continue in the 2023/24 year as Chairman but plan for it to be my last year.

Thank you.
Paul Mott, Chairman

Correspondence

None received

Any Other Business

None

The meeting ended at 20:10.