

Halifax and Huddersfield IVC
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held on Friday 20th October 2023 at 8.00 pm
At Outlane Golf Club

Present: Sylvia Arnold, Acting Chair, Jane Brown, Secretary, Joan Parkinson, Treasurer

Full Members: Sharon Priest, Barrie Yates, Grace Busuttil, John Piasecki, Jenny Marshall, Ken Fairbank, Janet Winn, Linda Taylor, Margaret Chapman, Sue Crowther, Margaret Lomax, Lynda Brook, Liz Farnell, Frazer Thompson, Ellen Jarrell, Jayne Proctor, Jenny Lindsay, Dave Coventon, Angela Bradshaw, Ivor Wicks, Marie Fourie, Lorraine Stott, Tony Gill, Lizzy Lowe, Ruth Mathison, Ginny Grealy, Steve Walker, Sarah Walker, Pauline Bright, Shirley Murray, Deborah O'Neill, David Smith, Ruth Milner, Terry Grey, Ann Phillips, David Iredale.

Total Present: 39

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Phil Daniel, Anthony Fones, Chris Tate, Rosemary Rae and Ranjit Aurora.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM held on 21st October 2022: The Minutes were approved unanimously as a correct record of proceedings.

3. MATTERS ARISING: Sylvia commented that the committee had discussed Patricia's request for an earlier start for the AGM, but felt that it should be left at 8.00 pm as this suited the majority. Jane asked if anyone was aware of Nicola Widdicome being at the last AGM, as her name was not on the list, but she thought she had been there. It was agreed she was not present.

Acceptance proposed by Barrie Yates and seconded by Liz Farnell

4. CHAIR'S REPORT (Read by Acting Chair for the evening, Sylvia Arnold):

First, Phil apologised for not being present, this being due to his recent accident and the state of the weather.

He reported that our membership is looking healthy with 97 full and 2 introductory members, which was an improvement from last year at a time when other organisations struggled for members. He thanked Sylvia (Publicity) and Ann (Membership Sec.) for their hard work. He reported that a Mobile Phone has now been purchased solely for the use of enquiries from potential members to the Membership Secretary.

He referred to the changes with the venue for Wednesday Club nights, with the closure of High Park. Luckily this coincided with the re-opening of the Old Golf House where the Bar area accommodates us. Also Liz Farnell continues her once a month Sunday evening at The Victorian in Halifax and has added a Thursday evening giving 2 opportunities in both Huddersfield and Halifax for people to meet.

Phil thanked those people who have put events on this year, especially Ginny for her local theatre and concert venues and annual canal boat day; Sylvia and Nicola for being the main walks organisers along with Ruth Milner for her strolls. He noted that 4 members had

put on their first events last year, and hoped that there would be more first-timers this year.

July saw another subsidised day out this time to Whitby, enjoyed by all who went.

On the AIVC national scene, 2 of our members are now on the committee Sylvia (Secretary) and Joan (Treasurer), and Ruth Mathison continues to reach out to other clubs in her role as Liaison Officer. Contacts have been made with Leeds and Sheffield, where members have met for meals, and members of other clubs went on her Budapest trip which Phil and Ruth were unable to do because of his accident.

The Committee have met 6 times over the year, again being unable to use the High Park, we now meet at The Roundhill Inn at Rastrick. Phil thanked the committee members for their work in their roles this year, pointing out that it is a team effort to run the club.

Finally he thanked all members for whatever parts they have played in the last 12 months and hoped we could look forward to another good year in 2023/4.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. Accounts 2022/23: Income: Joan reported that an Income of £2036 has been received, which includes £19 (miscellaneous) that was paid to the club and redirected to the correct person.

Subscriptions are showing £950, but we only have £94 members, and Joan was baffled as to where the extra had come from, and suggested it could go to charity, perhaps the Christmas card appeal, as it may have been wrongly assigned in the first place.

There were 2 subsidised events - 1. The AGM Buffet and 2. The trip to Whitby.

Expenditure included £124 for publicity which was the printing costs of our new Leaflets.

Other Expenses were paying back the £19, and various cards that have been sent on behalf of the club. The AIVC Levy is difficult to budget for because it varies each year, being between £1 and £3 per head.

This year we have made a loss of £556.55 still leaving a healthy balance of £2327.60

Sylvia asked is the extra £10 should be transferred to anywhere. Joan confirmed it would.

Dave Coventon suggested it should go to Charity which was carried with 1 abstention.

Adoption of the Accounts as presented was proposed by David Iredale, seconded by Ann Phillips and agreed unanimously.

b. Appointment of Examiner: Pauline Bright has checked our Accounts for this year and has agreed to do so next year.

Proposed by Sarah Walker, seconded by Jenny Marshall and carried unanimously.

c. Forecast for 2023/24, showing receipts of £1810 and payments of £2240

Income includes estimated Membership income of £900.

Expenditure includes £400 for the AIVC Conference, £180 for the printed copies of the Monthly Newsletter, which will need to keep pages to a minimum for size and weight purposes re. postage.

Officer Expenses is mainly to cover stationary and postage, and reflects the increase in the cost of stamps. The committee will not be running a subsidised event this year, but the meal prior to the AGM will still receive a £5 subsidy.

The item Phone £72 represents £6 per month to the provider, and will be used solely by the Membership Secretary.

Joan rounded off by saying that she had budgeted for a loss of £430.

David I. queried whether the AGM subsidised event should read 40 times £5 ie. £200?

David Smith asked if the cost of Subs. should go up next year if the cost of the AGM goes up. Joan explained that it was difficult to predict.

Adoption of the Forecast, as amended, was proposed by David Iredale and seconded by Sarah Walker.

6. SUBSCRIPTION RATES 2023-24: In accordance with the figures presented in the Budget, Sylvia proposed that the Subscription rate should remain at £10 with the hard copy being set at £20.

Acceptance was proposed by Liz Farnell and seconded by Marie Fourie.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE 2023/24: Jane stated that only 1 member of the Committee would be leaving it this year - Dave Coventon (Officer without portfolio), however, there would be 2 new members joining it, and some changes within the current Committee members.

Signed nomination forms had been received for the 2023/24 Committee as follows:-

Chair: Phil Daniel (sixth term - no other nominations received)

Secretary: Sylvia Revell

Treasurer: John Piasecki (new nomination)

Newsletter Editor: Ruth Milner

Membership Secretary: Shirley Murray (new nomination)

Publicity Officer: Jane Brown

A.L.O.: Ruth Mathison

Members without portfolio: Elizabeth Farnell and Ann Phillips

Sylvia asked if anyone would like to come forward to become I.T. Officer. There being no 'takers', a space was available for an extra member Without Portfolio, Pauline Bright was duly nominated for that role.

David Smith asked if that would cause a dichotomy, as a Committee member cannot examine the Accounts. Sylvia replied that Phil was aware of this problem and was looking into it, we may have to look for another Accounts Examiner. Joan stated that the problem would not affect the Accounts as presented for the last year 22/23.

Janet Winn proposed to accept the nominations, was seconded by Lizzie Lowe, and carried unanimously.

Sylvia thanked the previous Committee for their work over the last 12 months.

8. FORTHCOMING EVENTS: Sarah Walker reminded members about the 3 Christmas Meals on offer at The Toby Carvery, the Golden Cock, Farnley Tyas, and The Maypole, Warley, which all have vacancies. Jayne Proctor mentioned her Games Night at her home on 4th Nov. as it was imminent.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: There being no further business to discuss, Sylvia thanked all for coming and announced that Shirley and Ann would be ready to accept membership

payments for the coming year.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.