

**Minute of the 63rd Annual General Meeting
held in Weir Recreation Bowling Club
On Saturday, 24th February 2018 commencing at 2pm.**

ATTENDANCE

As per sederunt. A total of 21 Members attended and 8 Clubs were represented.

President Colin McLachlan welcomed the Members and Delegates to the Sixty-third Annual General Meeting and invited President Joe Clark of Weir Recreation Bowling Club to address the Members.

President Joe Clark welcomed Fellowship Members on behalf of the Members of Weir Recreation Bowling Club. He wished the Fellowship a successful Meeting and handed the Club over.

President Colin McLachlan thanked President Joe for his good wishes and opened the Annual General Meeting asking for any apologies.

APOLOGIES

Secretary John M Lassa stated that apologies had been received from Eric Baird of Low Waters BC, David Logan of Beltane BC and Jim Ramsay of Hyndland BC.

RESIGNATIONS

Secretary John M Lassa, stated that he had received resignations from David Logan of Beltane BC James Blair of Hutchesontown BC, Tommy Johnston from Motherwell Miner's BC and Tom Kempton from Pollokshaws BC

OBITUARIES

President Colin McLachlan called for a minute's silence in respect of Members who had passed away during the past year, notably Bob Allardyce of Cardonald BC.

MINUTE OF AGM 2017

Held in Dalserf Bowling Club on Saturday, 25th February 2017. As this had been previously circulated to all Clubs, President Colin McLachlan called for this Minute to be taken as read and proposed acceptance. Acceptance seconded by David Logan Snr of Beltane. BC.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTE

There were no matters arising from this Minute.

CONFIRMATION OF CO-OPTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER DURING 2017

During 2017, Jim Ramsay Hyndland BC was co-opted on to the Management Committee and now required to be formally proposed and seconded.
Jim Ramsay proposed by Jim Hagan of Weir Rec BC and seconded by Tom Cassidy of Beltane BC.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary John M Lassa following on from his report in the magazine, commented on the Fellowship web site which was to all intent and purpose up and running. He encouraged members to look at it from time to time. The Secretary also announced that the Fellowship would be taking a Trade stand at the National Championships at Northfield in July in order to promote the Fellowship to those bowlers throughout the country who attended the championships. He hoped that members would fully support the Match Secretary in attending games that had been organised for them. He wished all members a successful season in their clubs. The Report was proposed by Ernie Nicholson of Bridge of Earn BC and seconded by Robert Fairbairn of Beltane BC and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Olive A Allardyce asked if everyone had had a chance to study the Accounts. There was a drop in Membership Fees of £1,300 approx and both Bennie Cup and Rose Bowl entries were down around 3 and 12 respectively This is due in part to falling numbers of lady bowlers as many clubs do not have enough players to take part. The Bennie Cup Competition made a small profit to carry forward to next year but the Rose Bowl Competition only broke even. However, on a brighter note, income from Games and donations increased by £245. Our total interest received was £1,206 as against £1,256 for the previous year. Advertising revenue was £300.

Most items of expenditure increased – Repairs, telephone electricity, printing, postages, (£765) travelling, etc. Some of this increase was due to OSCR demanding increased record keeping, and we had to replace one of the computers. The cost of replacement of the ceiling, rewiring and redecoration was £7,000. The alternative was to move to other premises at double the rental plus the cost of moving.

There has been a drop in applications for Grants this year from £7,200 to £3,015.

She reminded Clubs that Membership of the Fellowship was by payment of the Annual Membership Fee which is recorded and remitted to the office. A Badge is given as receipt. Only Members whose names are recorded as having paid their Annual Fee are eligible to apply for Bereavement or Hardship Grants or to take part in Bennie Cup and Rose Bowl Competitions.

The terms of the Trust Deed make it very difficult to find ways to help Members as there have to be “necessitous circumstances” but the Management Committee is actively seeking ways to give assistance.

Any Club with a project which falls within the terms of our Constitution can apply for a Grant from the Fellowship. If in doubt, telephone the office to see if we can help.

MATTERS ARISING FROM ACCOUNTS

Eddie Nicholson of Bridge of Earn BC queried the cost of repairs to the office. The Treasurer said that it was prohibitive to move elsewhere in terms of new rental and relocation costs – that was why we decided to repair the office ourselves. The Treasurer also indicated that the Fellowship needed a new Auditor for the books. Eddie Nicholson asked why we needed to have audited accounts. The Treasurer said under the SBF Trust Deed, all the accounts had to be audited – that’s why it’s so expensive. On a proposal by Olive A Allardyce, the SBF would approach the Scottish Charity Regulator OSCR to allow the Fellowship to change the trust deed to have unaudited accounts. This was seconded by Ernie Nicholson. The members present unanimously agreed to this. The Treasurer’s report was proposed by Jim Hagan and seconded by Steven Cree, both of Weir Rec BC.

STOCK CONTROLLER'S REPORT

This was given by Robert Fairbairn, Beltane BC who confirmed he had completed the internal Audit of all Stock in Hand and Petty Cash and found everything to be in order. There were no matters arising from this Report.

GUARDIAN'S REPORT

This was given by Tom Cassidy, Beltane B C who confirmed that the elected Guardians had monitored the actions of both the Executive and Management Committees and found their actions complied with the remit of the Rules and Regulations and were in the best interests of the Fellowship. There were no matters arising from this Report.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Match Secretary, James Blair was absent, therefore his report in the magazine was proposed by Brian Middleton, Beltane BC and seconded by Jim Hagan, Weir Rec BC, and approved. At this moment, and despite the Match Secretary's absence, the award of Honorary President was conferred on James Blair for his services throughout the years. This was agreed unanimously by all present.

WEB PAGE DESIGNER'S REPORT

Kevin McKay gave his report on the new SBF web site which he had created. He hoped that it would raise greater public awareness of the work of the SBF. He also indicated that OSCR had given further recognition of the SBF for having this new website.

APPROVAL OF THE 2017 AUDIT AND ANNUAL REPORT

This was proposed by Eddie Nicholson, Bridge of Earn BC and seconded by David Logan Snr, Beltane B C.

COST OF MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2019

Treasurer Olive Allardyce confirmed that she recommended the Fees remained at £1.00 for Annual and £20 for Life. Approval was proposed by Brian Middleton, Beltane B C and seconded by David Logan Snr, Beltane B C.

CONFIRMATION OF SECRETARY

Secretary John M Lassa was confirmed for 2018/2019 on a proposal by Colin McLachlan, Baillieston BC and seconded by David Logan Snr, Beltane BC.

CONFIRMATION OF TREASURER

Treasurer Olive A Allardyce was confirmed for 2018/2019 on a proposal by Colin McLachlan, Baillieston BC and seconded by Robert Fairbairn, Beltane BC.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2018

Making his retiring speech, President Colin McLachlan thanked those friends who had supported him during his year and both John M Lassa, Olive Allardyce and Kevin McKay for their work in the office during the year. He then declared all offices vacant and called for nominations.

PRESIDENT

President Colin McLachlan proposed Senior Vice-President, John M Lassa, Weir Rec B C and this was seconded by Jim Hagan, Weir Rec B C. There being no other nominations, John M Lassa was duly elected.

President John M Lassa took the chair and was presented with his badge of office by Immediate Past President, Colin McLachlan who promised his support for the coming year. President John M Lassa thanked those present for this honour and presented Immediate Past President Colin McLachlan with his Past President's Badge and asked for his support during the coming season. Weir Rec President Joe Clark congratulated John M Lassa and promised him the support of Weir Rec BC during the coming year. President John M Lassa thanked President Joe Clark of Weir Rec BC for his good wishes.

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

President John M Lassa proposed Tom Cassidy, Beltane BC and this was seconded by Immediate Past President Colin McLachlan, Baillieston BC. There being no other nomination, Tom Cassidy was duly elected.

JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

President John M Lassa proposed Kevin McKay, Willowbank BC and this was seconded by Tom Cassidy, Beltane BC. There being no other nomination, Kevin McKay was duly elected.

HONORARY MATCH SECRETARY

President John M Lassa proposed Colin McLachlan, Baillieston B C and this was seconded by Tom Cassidy, Beltane BC.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President John M Lassa asked the following Members of the Existing Management Committee to stand up when their name was called:-

Benny Hands, Motherwell Miners' Welfare B C

Proposed by Jim Hagan, Weir Rec BC and seconded by Brian Middleton, Beltane BC

David Logan, Snr, Beltane B C

Proposed by Benny Hands, Motherwell MW BC, and seconded by Jim Hagan, Weir Rec BC

Mary Thomson, Motherwell Miners' Welfare B C

Proposed by Benny Hands Motherwell MW B C and seconded by David Logan Snr, Beltane BC

Jim Hagan, Weir Recreation B C

Proposed by Tom Cassidy, Beltane BC and seconded by Colin McLachlan, Baillieston BC

Robert Fairbairn, Beltane B C

Proposed by Tommy Cassidy, Beltane B C and seconded by David Logan Jnr, Beltane BC

Brian Middleton, Beltane B C

Proposed by Robert Fairbairn, Beltane BC and seconded by Jim Minns, Wishaw South BC

James Ramsay, Hyndland B C

Proposed by Tom Cassidy, Beltane BC and seconded by David Logan Snr, Beltane BC

From the floor of the AGM, there were 2 further nominations:

Ian Cook, Weir Recreation B C

Proposed by John M Lassa, Weir Rec BC and seconded by Olive A Allardyce, Cardonald BC

Margaret Graham, Motherwell Miner's Welfare B C

Proposed by Mary Thomson, and seconded by Benny Hands, both Motherwell Miners' WBC

There were no other nominations and the above were confirmed as Committee Members.

STOCK CONTROLLERS

It was agreed unanimously that Jim Hagan, Weir Rec B C and Robert Fairbairn, Beltane B C continue in their posts.

EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The external Auditor would be confirmed once the Secretary of the Fellowship had received communication from the Scottish Charity Regulator, OSCR.

SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

The Match Secretary not being present, it was decided unanimously to keep the "status quo" and the current figure of £500 would be retained. This being proposed by President John M Lassa, and seconded by Immediate Past President Colin McLachlan.

AOCB

President John M Lassa called for any other business.

Eddie Nicholson from Bridge of Earn BC enquired as to how many life members there were. He was told by Colin McLachlan that it was impossible to verify this, as many life member's families never make claims to the SBF for funding in the event of death.

Robert Fairbairn from Beltane BC enquired as to whether the SBF would be able to support Parklea BC in any way. The Treasurer replied that under the SBF Trust Deed, it was not possible to support them financially.

Senior Vice President Tom Cassidy enquired as to the format of the Tourist game against Biggar BC. Secretary John M Lassa said that he would contact Biggar BC in the near future for the details.

There being no other business, on behalf of the Members present, Senior Vice-President Tom Cassidy, thanked both President John M Lassa and Immediate Past President Colin McLachlan for the conduct of the Meeting, Isobel from Weir Rec BC who prepared the sandwiches and tea/coffee and Steve Cree in the bar who kept everyone watered.

President John M Lassa thanked President Joe Clark of Weir Rec BC for the welcome and hospitality extended to Fellowship Members, and handed the Club back.

The Meeting closed at 3.20pm.