Kenilworth Wardens Sports Club Limited

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

2nd December 2024

In attendance were:

John Casey	Chris Porter	Finn Bailey	Paddy Breslin
Malcolm Whitehall	Ali Mac	Stuart Turner	Damian Ward
Ant Pidgeon	Andrew Watts	Dan Edgington	Mike McMullan
Amun Bal	Stuart Johnson	Ben Tatchell	Mark Pidgeon
Jack Sorrell	Andrew Leering	Emma Stark	Dave T
Dan Smith	Gavin Bunting	Andrew Kitchen	
Harry Readman	Christine Phillips	Nick Lewis	
Tony Trafford	James Blakemore	Andrew Swift	
Andy Whitehouse	Claire Bound	John Orton	
Alex Waters	Mike Malby	Greig Streets	

No.	Agenda Item
1	**Apologies for Absence –** Apologies for absence were received from Charlie Westrope, Tom Ballinger, James May and Paul Henderson.
2	**Approval of the Minutes of the Previous AGM held on 30th October 2023** The minutes of the previous AGM held on 30th October 2023 were approved.
3	**Matters Arising from the Minutes** There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not already scheduled to be discussed on the agenda.
4	**Board Report on the Decision to Withdraw from the Proposed Relocation of the Club to Castle Farm** Board explained that this item had been put at the top of the agenda to allow for the Board to report back to Members and take questions on decisions made before Members made decisions on the election of Board Members. Ant Pidgeon (AP) explained that since October 2020, the proposed move to Castle Farm had gone through periods of being affordable and unaffordable for the Club, depending on how accessibility to grant funding in support of the project was seen. It had been stop-start, with the Club's ability to move forward frustrated each time it was ready to go forward by another unforeseen circumstance.

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	In September 2023, the Board sought and received assurances from the Warwick District Council Chief Executive, along with practical support, which saw progress being made with renewed vigour. However, further complications arose in the project during the summer of 2024, which led to the Club being informed that the offer for Glasshouse Park would be reduced by approximately £2m. In the opinion of the Board, this meant the future of the project was simply not financially viable for the Club and took the decision to withdraw from the move and commit the Club's future to staying at Glasshouse Park. **The AGM received the Board report on the decision to withdraw from the move to Castle Farm, and confirmed the Members' support for the decision**
5	**Chair's Report** This decision requires significant work to seek to understand what it means for the Club. AP had met with the heads of each of the Sports Sections to start working through what it meant and would be leading work on what could be done to improve the grassed areas. John Casey (JC) would be leading similar work on the Clubhouse and facilities. The intention is to seek what we would aspire to do, to understand the costs involved and to identify potential sources of funding that may be accessible to support the improvements. It was recognised that the costs of improving the facilities will be significant. AP confirmed that the funds forwarded to the Club by the Council for the work on Castle Farm were not repayable unless the land was sold at some point in the future. This was anticipated to reach approximately £850k by the time all costs for the project were accounted for. This debt was not subject to any interest charges. **Supplementary Issues** The Board were aware that the Club had been unable to access significant grant funding over the past 10 years or more due to the lack of permanent tenure at Glasshouse Park. This point was being made in discussion with the Council in discussions on potential future funding support. The Club currently had £45k of loans from Members which were also repayable on the completion of the sale of Glasshouse Park. The Club will seek to address how we deal with these outstanding loans as a matter of urgency.

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6	**Treasurers' Report and Approval of Audited Annual Accounts** AP provided an update on the annual accounts for the Club. He reported that over the past two years, the Club had made an operating profit of £9k in 22/23, and £6k in 23/24. This small positive margin had a heavy reliance on volunteer effort. Section fees and membership had gone up in the year, but bar profitability had fallen significantly primarily due to the lack of a floodlit festival week. AP stated that now that the decision had been made to stay at the Club, it was clear that there was a lot of work to be done to make the most of the financial opportunities that provided. **The KWSC Ltd Annual Accounts for the period 1st May 2023 to 30th April 2024 were approved.**
7	**Appointment of the Club's Auditors** a) The Club's accounts are currently audited by Azets (Coventry) b) The proposal is to continue with the existing auditors **Azets (Coventry) were appointed as auditors of the Club accounts for the 2024/25 financial year**
8	**Election of Board Members** No formal nominations were received for election to the Board ahead of the meeting. The Board confirmed that David Thomas had stepped down as a Director. The Board thanked Dave for his efforts in supporting the Club. Three Board Members were required to stand for re-election at the end of their 3-year term. **Ant Pidgeon, John Casey and Mike Sorrell were all re-elected by Members.** A nomination was received from the floor for Alex Waters to be elected on to the Board. **Alex Waters was elected on to the Board by Members.**

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Board Membership:

Board Member	**Last Elected**
Ant Pidgeon	December 2024
John Casey	December 2024
Mike Sorrell	December 2024
Tom Ballinger	July 2022
Charlie Westrope	July 2022
Fred Rex	July 2022
Dan Honey-Smith	October 2023
Alex Waters	December 2024

9 **Election of the Bar Committee**

Members elected the following representatives onto the Bar Committee:

- Tom Ballinger
- John Casey
- Finn Bailey
- Mike Malby

10 **Club Membership Categories and Fees for the Coming Year**

The current membership categories were confirmed as:

a) Participating member between 6-18 years of age,

b) Participating member over 18 years of age who is a student,

c) Participating member over 18 years of age who is unwaged,

d) Participating member over the age of 18 years who does not qualify for classes b) and c),

e) Participating Life Member,

f) Non-participating social member,

It was confirmed that Club Membership costs would remain unchanged for the coming year.

11 **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.