

## **International Badgers Club**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2001**

*Held at the International Centre, Gilwell Park at 2.00 p.m.*

#### **1. Apologies**

These were received from John Clegg, Ron Driver, Dave Greenaway, Bruce Meldrum, Paul Moynihan, Charles Myer, John van Waterschoot, Harvey Wallace, Chris Wanley and Geoff Wanley.

#### **2. Chairman's Welcome and Report**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He recognised members from Austria, Belgium, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands and the United States. He reported on the resignation of John Morton as Proofreader and thanked John for his services.

#### **3. Minutes of the 2000 AGM**

These had been circulated with the May 2000 magazine and with the AGM booklet, circulated with the March 2001 magazine.

#### **4. Approval of the 2000 AGM Minutes**

Proposed by Brian Gyngell

Seconded by Bill Stanley and approved.

#### **5. Matters Arising**

None

#### **6. Annual Report**

Copies of the Report were circulated with the March 2001 magazine.

#### **7. Acceptance of the Annual Report**

Proposed by Chris Hollingham

Seconded by Kelvin Britton and approved.

#### **8. Financial Report**

Copies of the Report were distributed at the meeting. The Treasurer explained aspects of the report and questions were invited. None was forthcoming. He reported that due to pressure of time, the report had not yet been approved by the auditors.

#### **9. Approval of Financial Report**

It was proposed that the Financial Report be accepted, subject to the approval of the Auditor.

Proposed by Peter Maryniak

Seconded by Brian Billington and approved.

#### **10. Vote of No Confidence**

The Chairman reported that John Morton had notified the General Secretary in writing, of his intention to propose a vote of no confidence in the Executive. The Executive had agreed that it would be pointless to leave this proposition until after the elections, so it would be taken at this point. John's letter had been circulated among the members present. John was invited to address his case to the meeting. Then he was asked whether his Seconder wished to speak, but the Seconder was not present. The Scrutineers were called forward and the vote was taken. The result was one vote in favour of the motion and the rest largely against, so the motion was lost.

#### **11. Appointment of Officers**

The President took the chair to announce the election of the Chairman.

Chairman

Mike Breakwell elected unopposed for a three year term.

Treasurer

Robert Bailey elected unopposed for the remaining one year term.

Membership Secretary

Michelle Iddon elected unopposed for the remaining one year term.

## **12. Election of Life Members**

The General Secretary reported that a sub-committee had been appointed to consider this and other matters and had made recommendations, which had been accepted by the Executive. The Executive wished to recommend the award of Life Membership to Robert Bailey.

Proposed by Eddie Body

Seconded by Chris Hollingham and approved

## **13. Appointment of Auditor**

Nominee: Geraint Phillips

Proposed by Chris Hollingham

Seconded by Peter Maryniak and approved.

## **14. Appointment of Returning Officers**

Nominees: Brian Billington and Dave Gardner

Proposed by Kelvin Britton

Seconded by Peter Berry and approved.

## **15. Amendments to the Constitution**

Details of the proposed amendments had been circulated to the membership, giving the required ten weeks notice before the AGM. The Chairman explained that he intended to put the items to the meeting in three parts. The first three pages of amendments were a tidying-up exercise designed to correct the grammar and make the intention clearer. The vote was taken on this section.

Proposed by Peter Symmans

Seconded by Graham Brooks and carried.

The second section related to the Child Protection Policy. The Chairman explained how this had been formulated in co-operation with The Scout and Guide Associations and how necessary it was for the Club to adopt these policies as their own.

Proposed by Mike Breakwell

Seconded by Roger Jamieson and carried.

The final section related to the adjusted deadline for receipt of nominations for election. The Chairman explained that this had become necessary because of the change of copy date for the magazine, particularly relating to the December magazine and the official notices it carries.

Proposed by Mike Breakwell

Seconded by Peter Ford and carried.

## **16. Competition presentations**

Peter Jackson explained the origins of the competition and introduced 711/00 Peter Beilak of the Washington Scout Museum, who had made arrangements for the medals. The President then presented the awards. The results were as follows:

### Junior Members

Gold Medal	God's Creatures Over Water	04/00J	Joe Small
Silver Medal	God's Gift to Mankind	05/00J	Robert Small

### Under 5 yrs Membership

Gold Medal	Surrey County	38/96	Glen Jennings
Silver Medal	Built by People	24/01	The Small family

### Over 5 yrs Membership

Gold Medal	Early Years	21/89	Alan Coupe
Silver Medal	UK Thanks Badges	285	Peter Berry
Bronze Medal	Birds	3185	Kelvin Britton

Peter Berry's medal was presented by Peter Bielak.

It is intended to make the competition a regular feature of the AGM.

On this first occasion there was a total of ten entries.

## **17. Next Meeting**

The next AGM will be held on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2002 at Gilwell Park.

## **18. Thanks**

Dave Gardner rose to thank the Officers for their work throughout the year.

Peter Jackson thanked those members who had worked as a team to set up the arrangements for the AGM.