

Hibernian FC Supporters Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 7th April 2013

Chairman's opening remarks

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the members present and thanking them for their attendance. He noted that total attendance was disappointing for the AGM.
2. The Chairman welcomed Kenny Logan, attending the meeting on behalf of Cowan & Partners Chartered Accountants.
3. The Chairman asked members to be upstanding for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for those members who had passed away during the year.

Business arising from 2012 minutes

4. With no business arising the 2012 minutes were adopted by Liz Riley (Southern) and seconded by Karen Grieve (Southern).

Election of tellers

5. Craig Patterson (Southern) and Colin Grieve (Southern) were elected tellers for the AGM.

General Secretary's Report

6. The General Secretary thanked members for attending and extended the thanks of the Trustees to the bar staff for their hard work throughout the year, with particular thanks to Walter Leitch and Robbie Wilson for their management of the bar.
7. The General Secretary thanked his fellow Trustees and Council members for their hard work in ensuring the smooth running of the Club throughout the year. He noted his appreciation for the work of Colin Grieve who had left the position of General Secretary during the year.
8. The General Secretary outlined the renovation/repair work that had been carried out throughout the year. The Trustees will continue to identify projects that can improve The Hibs Club for members and their guests.
9. The Player of the Year night had again been a success, with thanks extended to all those who attended.

10. With no business arising the General Secretary's Report was adopted by Derek Hollingdale (St Paul's) and seconded by Margaret Milligan (Southern).

Assistant General Secretary's Report

11. The Assistant General Secretary's position was currently vacant.

Treasurer's Report

12. The Treasurer highlighted a number of key points in the annual accounts:

Trading and Profit and Loss Account for year ended 31 January 2013

- Bar sales had increased thanks to some more favourable kick off times for home games, private functions and the decision to allow private functions in the Famous Five Suite on occasional Saturday nights.
- Bar purchases had increased to reflect increased sales.
- Value of vouchers redeemed by members had increased as this was the first full year of the voucher scheme.
- Value of gifts to members had increased reflecting the success of the loyalty scheme - members had put over £100,000 on their cards over the course of the year.
- Wages had decreased but would increase in 2013/14 as part time staff had received an 8% pay rise.
- Repairs and renewals had been carried out in the Games Room, Famous Five Suite and Pat Stanton Suite.
- Net profit for year ended 31 January 2013 was £23,456 - a substantial increase on 2012.

Entertainment Account for year ended 31 January 2013

- The Entertainment Account had a net deficit of £34,417 with bands & entertainment and satellite television costs accounting for the major expenditure.

Association Account for the year ended 31 January 2013

- The Association Account had a net deficit of £3,704 with a slight drop in income from affiliation fees and a slight increase in honorarium expenses.

Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2013

- Current assets were greater than current liabilities for the first time in a number of years.

13. With no business arising the accounts were adopted by Colin Grieve (Southern) and seconded by Karen Grieve (Southern)

14. The Treasurer announced that spirits and soft drinks prices would stay the same while prices of draft beers would be reduced by 10p per pint. Members greeted this announcement with applause.

15. The Chairman explained the reasons for the new prices, reiterated that no prices would increase and thanked the Treasurer for his report.

Registrar's Report

16. The Registrar reported that total membership stood at 1239, with three branches still to reaffiliate which would increase the total to around 1450, representing an increase on 2012.

17. The Berwick Branch had disbanded.

18. The Chairman thanked the Registrar for his hard work throughout the year and noted that new members continue to join the club every month.

19. With no business arising the Registrar's Report was adopted by Ruth Clark (Hawkhill) and seconded by Liz Riley (Southern).

Honorarium Committee's Report

20. Roy McLean (Southern) addressed the meeting on behalf of the Honorarium Committee and noted that representatives of Gilmerton, Southern, Hawkhill, Stanton and St Pat's had formed the Honorarium Committee on 4 April.

21. The committee recommended an increase of £150 for each Trustee and Council Member.

22. The Chairman thanked the Honorarium Committee and noted that each Trustee and Council Member had done extra duties over the course of the year.

23. The Chairman noted that there was an issue over some of the honorarium figures with, for example, the Vice Chairman receiving less than Council Members. This would be discussed by the Trustees and the Honorarium Committee.

23. With no further business arising the Honorarium Committee's Report was adopted by Douglas McLeod (St Pat's) and seconded by Liz Riley (Southern).

Election of Trustees, Office Bearers and Council Members

24. As Trustees now serve a three year term, the Chairman and Trustee did not need to be re-elected.

25. The Chairman explained that due to resignations throughout the year the Vice Chairman, General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary were all temporary. However no other nominations had been received:

- James Murray (Gilmerton) was elected General Secretary, adopted by Karen Grieve (Southern), seconded by Ruth Clark (Hawkhill).
- Billy Douglas (Southern) was elected Assistant General Secretary, adopted by Karen Grieve (Southern), seconded by Liz Riley (Southern).
- Craig Patterson (Southern) was elected Vice Chairman, adopted by Colin Grieve (Southern), seconded by Roy McLean (Southern).

26. A vacancy remained for Minute Secretary following the resignation of Jackie Telford (Stanton). This would be filled in due course. Tom Hall (Hawkhill) had agreed to take the minutes for the AGM.

27. All Council Members had indicated they would stay on the Council for the next year.

28. Douglas Roxburgh MBE (Stanton) volunteered to join the Council and was welcomed by the Chairman.

29. The Chairman noted that the Club always needed more Council members and that the lack of volunteers from some large branches remained disappointing.

Resolutions and Proposals

30. There were no resolutions or proposals.

Any other business

31. There were no questions for the floor.

32. The Chairman reiterated that additional Council Members are required with the current lack of interest meaning the Club was getting closer to having to hire doorstaff.

33. The Chairman reminded members that all complaints should come through branches, with only branch committee members approaching Trustees or Council Members..

34. The Chairman noted recent work done to improve the club and that further repairs/refurbishments would be carried out over the course of the year, with the ultimate always being to ensure the Club offered the best facilities possible for members and their guests.

35. The Chairman again thanked members for their attendance and for their interest in the sound running of the Club.

With no further business arising the Chairman closed the meeting at 1pm.