



THE LENZIE BOWLING CLUB Ltd.

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON SUNDAY MARCH 1ST 2009, AT 15.30

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

President David Wood opened the meeting by welcoming the 73 Members present, including for the first time, ladies as full and equal members. History was made today, this being the first general meeting of The Lenzie Bowling Club Ltd, following the final AGM of the unincorporated club. There had been a huge time commitment by the previous Directorate and new Board in forming the new company. Now the maximum liability for members was £1. We now have a new Constitution and Rules. Thanks were also due to George R Deacon and, Ron Barron for preparing refreshments between the two General meetings.

Members present: Alan Ace, Bob Adams, William Alston, Gavin Ansari, Jennifer Archibald, Eric Archibald, Ronald Barron, Jim Broadfoot, Paul Brook, Errol Burchell (AM), Alan Cairney, Anne Callender, Jim Caskie, Bob Cole, Bob Coleman, Bill Crawford, Hugh Crawford, Bill Cunningham, John Cunningham Jn, Scott Cunningham, Colin Deacon, George B Deacon, George R Deacon, Tom Dow, Jeanette Finney, Bill Fyffe, Nancy Fyffe, Ann Gibson, Hannah Gordon, Tom Graham, John Gray, Iain Hamilton, Bill Harvey, Elizabeth Harvey, William C Henry, Ronnie Houston, Nick Keys, Bruce Kirkman, Ian Kirkman, Alan Laurie, Ian Laurie, Moraig Laurie, Ron Lochhead, William Lowe, Bruce MacPherson, Duncan MacIntyre, Nan MacIntyre, Mary McColm, June McGuire, Rob McClear, Ian McLelland, Liz McLelland, George Menzies, Fiona Miller, Willie Milne, Ron Nicholson, Jim Pearson, Nan Rees, Jim Scott, Bill Semple, Charlotte Semple, Gordon Sinclair, Sandy Steedman, Jack Stewart, Peter Warne, Andrew Wood, David Wood, Jim Whitelaw, (+3 *unrecognisable signatures*).

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Carole Ace, Brian Dempster, Carl Jones, David Elliot, Norrie Hannah Vera Hodges Jennifer Jones, Iain Hamilton, Keith Mitchell, Hugh Oliver, Robert Pullin, David Waddell, Ronald Watson.

3. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

This being the first General Meeting, the item was non-applicable

4. MEMBERSHIP: RESIGNATIONS, APPLICATIONS, WAITING LIST, MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

4.1. Secretary Bob Cole announced details of the movement of members' categories for next season: The vacancies (16 at the EGM, with 3 unknowns) to bring the total paying playing membership to 250 ladies and gents, would be met by using the new Admissions Rule. Two Youths, Robbie Kirkman and John Cruickshanks, automatically transfer to full membership, leaving 14+ vacancies to fill.

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CATEGORY	LADIES	GENTS
Deceased	Elsie Nelson (NPM)	Steven Rae Stuart Kinniburgh Hugh Gordon
From Playing to Resignation		Ben Hall Sandy Milne Andy Mackenzie John Quigley Scott Tomkins Alex McMillan Ronnie Barton
From NPM to Resignation		John McKinney Syd Orr
From Youth to Resignation		David Allan
From Playing to NPM	Etta Lyon Dor Rutherford	Tom Cruickshanks Tom Fleming Robert Hepburn John Ritchie
From Playing to Temp NPM		Wallace Somerville
From Youth to Full		Robbie Kirkman John Cruickshanks

4.2. ADMISSIONS RULE AMENDMENTS

Alan Laurie announced the Admissions Rule Amendments, approved by the Board earlier that day: the full text being given below in italics. The amended Rules give a fair reflection of policy intention.

Additional Paragraph 2.1.7

2.1.7: TEMPORARY NON-PLAYING MEMBER

A Full or Associate Member, irrespective of length of membership, may make application to the Board for temporary transfer to Non-Playing Membership on the grounds of ill health or incapacity. Such transfer may be granted at the discretion of the Board normally for a period of 12 months. His/her playing place will be taken by a new applicant whose membership is permanent. Adjustment to the overall playing numbers will be made in the following year.

Modified paragraph 2.2.9

2.2.9 Prior to each season following the AGM, if there are vacancies, the membership committee shall offer membership to those persons on the waiting list subject to the balance and requirements of the current membership and waiting list; currently in the following ordered queue:

- 2.2.9.1 Gent under 60*
- 2.2.9.2 Lady under 60*
- 2.2.9.3 Gent of any age*
- 2.2.9.4 Lady of any age*

If, in the allocation process, there is no 'Gent under 60' left on the waiting list, allocation passes to 'Lady under 60'. If, in the allocation process, there is no 'Lady under 60' left on the waiting list, allocation passes to 'Gent of any age'. If the final admission is a Gent, the following year will start with 'Lady under 60': if the final admission is a Lady, the following year will start with a 'Gent under 60'.

5. APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD

The outgoing President David Wood first paid tribute to his family who had been very supportive in his presidential year. He wished to thank all members and Directors for help and support during his year. He believed that their various duties had been conducted to a very high standard. He pointed out that that no matter what we call ourselves or what changes we make to the fabric of the club, bowling is essentially about the fellowship of the members, something which had not changed. Now he had the great pleasure to introduce the new President. Colin Deacon. The President indicated that Colin had already made a huge contribution to the Club. Colin joined the club in 1993, and prior to becoming VP had served as the Bar Convener for nine years.

President David proceeded to ask for approval from the membership for the nominated appointment of Colin Deacon, and presented him with his badge of office

- President and Chairman of the Board: *Colin Deacon*, approved with acclaim.

President Colin Deacon assumed the chair. In his acceptance speech, Colin said, beginning with the historic "Gentlemen and Ladies", that when asked by David to be his Vice President he had gratefully accepted his invitation. Having been Bar Convener for the previous 9 years he felt that this was the time for a new challenge, and becoming the 135th President of Lenzie Bowling Club and indeed the 1st President of The Lenzie Bowling Club Limited was a tremendous honour. It really was a privilege to be the President for 2009.

This coming year is an extremely important one for the Club. Years of preparation have come to fruition with the Club now having become a limited company, the adoption of the new constitution and the new set of Club rules. With all these changes it was going to be an interesting year. As to the extension project, all the years of preparation and hard work done by this and previous committees should also bear fruit this year now that we are close to final decisions being made. In conclusion, he looked forward to his year in Office and promised to do his very best to continue to promote the good name of Lenzie Bowling Club throughout the coming year.

Turning to the Past President, he congratulated David for very successful year, on and off the green. On the playing side Drew Cunningham won the Scottish District Singles and then progressed through to the quarter finals of the National Finals at Northfield. Also Ally Girvan progressed to the Final of the Kirkintilloch and District Junior Singles. Also appearing at Northfield were Mary McKenzie and Mary Kelly after winning the Scottish District Final in the Ladies Pairs. In the Seniors Leagues, Lenzie finished a very respectable 3rd in the Monklands and 6th in the K&D. The Friday Night K&D League was a close run affair, with Lenzie again in the mix with a chance to win the League up until the last night, finally finishing 3rd. Lenzie went one better however, in the K & D Top Ten and won it for the first time.

In conclusion, Colin stated that David had had an excellent year as President and been a fantastic ambassador of Lenzie Bowling Club. His time as President had been enjoyable (except perhaps for cleaning the dishwasher), but now it was time to

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take a well deserved rest. President Colin thanked David on behalf of all the members for all his time and effort during the past year, and asked him to accept his Past Presidents Badge. President Colin then called for, and received, approval of the meeting for the nominated Board members:

- Vice-President: *John Gray*. John Gray, who joined in 1998, thanked Colin for being chosen as Vice-President and promised to support him during the season.
- Immediate Past President: *David Wood*
- Secretary: *Bob Cole*
- Treasurer: *Bill Crawford*
- Competition Secretary: *Alan Laurie*
- Bar Convener: *George Menzies*
- Green Convener: *Tom Graham*
- Property Convener: *Alan Ace*
- Social & Fundraising Convener: *Scott Cunningham*
- Lady President for year; *Hannah Gordon*
- Trustees Directors (6): *Eric Archibald, Ronald Barron, George R. Deacon, Nan MacIntyre, William Semple, Alex Sutherland.*

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The Treasurer announced that authorised Auditors will be required to be appointed for the new Company Limited by Guarantee,

7. OTHER BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The President announced the following Board appointments:

- Youth Section Leader John Cunningham
- Child Protection Officer Ronnie Houston
- Environmental Health Officer (Property Convener in the absence of any other nomination,)
- Catering Coordinator TBA

8. EXTENSION LATEST

The president made a full report on the current position of the extension project, with handouts available to all members, including a number of plan options.

The plan was to build to 9.5m West of the current building to satisfy the Tree Officer's requirements for protecting the Chestnut tree, to give up the Committee room, relocate the kitchen to the committee room area, relocate the bar and form a small clubroom between bar and kitchen capable of housing the snooker table on occasions, use the extension + old kitchen space to in which to plan new toilets for ladies, gents, and an access toilet, and flexible locker and changing space to cater for the current club membership.

Providing no time was wasted, the timescale would allow the new extension shell to be built in the close season 2009 giving new toilets and lockers finished in time for season 2010, and if necessary, the remaining internal changes to be implemented in close season 2010 to be completed in time for season 2011. There would be an EGM planned for later in the season at which the Council-approved plan, together with a financial package, would be put to the membership for approval and implementation (requiring 75% in favour).

There were a number of issues raised by members at the question session, including

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- Willy Alston, concern for adequate internal loans,
- Ron Barron pointing to the next stage of detailed formal plans, significant that kitchen relocated at back (East end), committee room abandoned, new multi-purpose room,
- Ian Laurie, kitchen relocation to east end desirable,
- Alan Cairney query servicing bank loans,
- Bill Crawford that bank loans were not a problem, but of course, must be paid back,
- Errol Burchell re phased build, important that site works should not interfere with playing season,
- Ian McLelland suggested an extra room to be built below ground level,
- Jim Pearson pointed out that although the 9.5m limit on building West was discussed with the Tree Officer, there was no agreed written version by Council officials,
- Moraig Laurie suggested an appeal against the original refusal in May2007 (now too late),
- Ian Laurie queried the health of the chestnut tree; the arborist gave it 25 years.
- Willy Alston suggested the Committee get on with a detailed firm package,
- Finally when the president asked how many members would not want *any* extension to be built, there were no objections: so the Board should proceed with detailed proposals and planning permission.

9. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2009;

Treasurer Bill Crawford announced the fees, held at £120 and £85 for Full and Associate Members respectively, with Non-Playing Member £20, New Member Entry Fee £120, Youth Members (16-18 on 1st April) 50% of Full fee, Youth Members under 16 on 1st April £20. He would be in attendance on the given dates and additionally on Friday 27th March, as well.

10. OPENING AND CLOSING DAYS

Opening of the Green is set for Saturday 18th April at 14:00.
The Closing Day is set for Saturday 3rd October at 14:00.

11. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS.

Issues raised included the following:

- Bob Coleman made a proposal to ban animals, except guide dogs, in the clubhouse, seconded by Alan Cairney. There was animated discussion both in favour and against the proposal. A vote was taken on a show of hands, with 21 for the status quo (to allow dogs), and 33 for the ban. (Note added later by Sec; according to the new Memo & Articles, resolutions must be in writing and on the notice of the meeting to be valid, so the proposal vote could not be binding. It did however indicate the feeling of the members present on that day, which the Board will take note of).
- George Deacon, on the transfer between membership categories of membership each year. The current rule is that members may switch between the categories of Full and Associate each year,
- Alan Laurie, having returned from attending the K&D AGM, announced a number of K&D rule changes for this year, which will be publicised in detail within the club.

The meeting ended at approximately 16:30 with a vote of thanks to both chairmen, by John Gray.

President: Colin Deacon _____

Secretary: Bob Cole _____ Dated _____