

**NORTH DOWN PÉTANQUE CLUB  
MINUTES OF THE 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2007  
AT 9 CRAWFORDSBURN WAY, N'ARDS, CO.DOWN**

**Present :** Norman Glover (President)  
George Davidson (Secretary)  
Wilma Dunbar (Treasurer)  
Ian Smyth (Committee Member)  
David McHenry (Committee Member)  
Humberto Tavares (Committee Member)  
Alex Mornin (Committee Member)

**Members:**

John Hennessy, Peggy Hennessy, Brenda McHenry, Paul Maidment, Marie Maidment, Pat McCarthy, John Angus, John Whitlaw and Margaret Cardwell.

**Apologies:**

Denis Nightingale, Carole Castles, Anne Mornin, Joe McBride.

**1. Welcome by President**

Norman Glover opened the meeting by thanking George and Margaret for making their home available for the meeting, welcoming all others and thanking them for making the effort to attend. He reported that, as in recent years, the Club had experienced a difficult time from finance and membership perspectives, but that competitions had been enjoyable affairs and reasonably supported. He made reference to the fact that our relationship with Pickie BC would be dealt with in detail in the Secretary's report and concluded by thanking the Committee, Hon. Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor for their assistance during the year.

**2. Minutes of Previous AGM**

The minutes of the AGM held on 22 February 2006 were accepted as a true record of proceedings, with no amendment required.

**3. Matters arising**

- (a) Mention was made of the potential for a Club website to be used as a part of our efforts to attract new members. The Secretary confirmed that this was currently being considered. The Secretary also confirmed that following last year's AGM, 'mailshots' to ex-members to re-join had been fruitless;

- (b) The Secretary reported that approaches for assistance from the main funding bodies had been unsuccessful, these bodies only providing assistance for ‘capital’ works; and
- (c) It was confirmed that despite requests to members, the whereabouts of the ‘Bell’ trophy remained a mystery.

#### 4. Secretary's General Report

In his report, the Secretary highlighted:

- (a) The relatively ‘stable’ environment in which we had operated over the year, in terms of membership, Club nights and competitions;
- (b) The work of the Committee with respect to fund raising and changes to competition prize policy;
- (c) Success in terms of internal and external competitions; and
- (d) Pickie BC’s agreement to a reduction from £1500 to £500 for this year, in the annual tariff. The tariff will be considered afresh for next year.

David McHenry queried our insurance cover position, now that a different tariff/membership situation pertained. The President and Treasurer confirmed that the insurance situation had not changed.

Thanks from the President and other attendees were offered to the Secretary for his work during the year and for his comprehensive report.

#### 5. Financial Report

The summary for the year was as follows:

Receipts:	£ 1,185.15	
Payments:	£ 1,552.98	
Deficit for the year:	£ 367.83 )	
Balance B/F from 2005	£ 1,449.78 )	£ 1,081.95
Balance at Bank 31 Dec’06	£ 1,057.95 )	
Cash on hand	£ 24.00 )	£ 1,081.95

#### 6. Auditor’s Report

John Angus reported favourably on the maintenance of the financial records by the Treasurer, and confirmed that the accounts as presented were a full and complete reflection of the Club's financial transactions.

Thanks from the President and other attendees were offered to the Treasurer for her work during the year, and for the comprehensive records presented.

## 7. Election of Officers

**Election** - George Davidson conducted the election which delivered the following outcome:

	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
<b>President</b>	David McHenry	John Hennessy	Paul Maidment
	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
<b>Secretary</b>	George Davidson	Norman Glover	Peggy Hennessy
	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Wilma Dunbar	Alex Mornin	Humberto Tavares
	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
<b>Committee</b>	John Hennessy Ian Smyth	David McHenry ) Alex Mornin ) Humberto Tavares )	Pat McCarthy  ) As per previous year, by general agreement
	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
<b>Hon. Auditor</b>	John Angus	Norman Glover	John Hennessy

## 9. Any Other Business

- (a) David McHenry expressed his thanks on behalf of the Club to Norman Glover for his work during his Presidency; and
- (b) There was some discussion around the means of contacting the immigrant population eg. Eastern Europeans, as had been done in the Dublin area with some success.

It was agreed that (b) above and a competition programme would be among the matters to be considered by the new Committee as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting.

