

**NORTH DOWN PÉTANQUE CLUB
MINUTES OF THE 17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2009
AT PICKIE BOWLING CLUB, BANGOR**

Present : John Hennessy (President)
George Davidson (Secretary)
Norman Glover (Treasurer)
Humberto Tavares (Committee Member)
Alex Mornin (Committee Member)
Glenn Matthews (Committee Member)
Denis Nightingale
Marie Maidment
Paul Maidment
Linda Matthews
Gavin Walker
John Angus
Ciaran McFerran
Wilma Dunbar

Apologies:, Carole Castles, Anne Mornin, Margaret Cardwell, John Whitlaw, Pat McCarthy, Geraldine Glover, David McHenry, Brenda McHenry, Peggy Hennessy, Ian Smyth and Stephen Morgan.

1. Welcome by President

John Hennessy opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking all those present and those who had attended and supported the Club during the year just past.

2. Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 26 April 2008 were accepted as a true record of proceedings, with no amendment required. Prop. Wilma Dunbar, Sec. Humberto Tavares.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising, although the President took the opportunity to thank the Hon.Sec for his work in developing and managing the competition programme which had seen a reasonable spread of winners across the club membership.

Paul Maidment commented on his preference that all the planned rounds in competitions should be completed, rather than truncating the final round, where the round, if played, had no bearing on the final result. This preference was noted and would be a consideration by the in-coming Committee.

4. Secretary's General Report

In his report, the Secretary highlighted:

- (a) The faithful attendance at Club nights and completion of our competition programme;
- (b) The numbers of members who had suffered and continued to suffer illness over the year; and
- (c) Success in terms of internal and external competitions;

Thanks from the President and other attendees were offered to the Hon. Secretary for his report and his work during the year. Adoption of the report was proposed by Gavin Walker and seconded by Denis Nightingale.

5. Financial Report 2008

The Hon. Treasurer presented a detailed report which, in summary, was as follows:

Receipts:	£ 1,181.00)
Payments:	£ 914.27)
Surplus for the year 2008:	£ 266.73)
Balance B/F from 2007	£ 1,390.41)
Balance @ 31 Dec 2008	£ 1,657.14

There was some discussion on the cost of Bank Charges, but a general acceptance that these were unavoidable.

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

Adoption of the report was proposed by Wilma Dunbar and seconded by Glenn Matthews.

6. Auditor's Report

The Hon. Auditor, John Angus, reported favourably on the accuracy, completeness and general good order of the financial papers and records presented to him.

7. Election of Officers

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

Nominated

Proposed

Seconded

President	John Hennessy	Wilma Dunbar	Norman Glover
	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Hon. Secretary	George Davidson	Alex Mornin	Humberto Tavares
	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Hon. Treasurer	Norman Glover	Denis Nightingale	Linda Matthews
	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Committee	Glenn Matthews	Ciaran McFerran	Humberto Tavares
	Alex Mornin	Denis Nightingale	Marie Maidment
	Humberto Tavares	Gavin Walker	Glenn Matthews
	Marie Maidment **	Denis Nightingale	Humberto Tavares

** During the election, it was generally considered proper that there should be female representation on the Committee. It was also pointed out that the club Constitution confined the numbers on the Committee to 7. Consequently, an existing Committee member had to 'stand down' to make way for Marie. Pre-meeting, Ian Smyth had confirmed to the Hon.Sec. that he would be prepared to stand down.

Hon. Auditor	John Angus	Norman Glover	Ciaran McFerran
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9. Invitation from Troon PC

The following members confirmed that they would be interested in attending Troon PC's 20th Birthday celebrations on the weekend of 6/7 June this year: Gavin Walker, Norman Glover, Pat McCarthy, Humberto Tavares, John and Peggy Hennessy. There was some discussion about the various means and costs of transport, but no firm decisions taken. Pending further enquiries by those interested, the Hon.Sec undertook to write to Troon PC confirming the extent of interest and enquiring about potential 'pick-up' /accommodation arrangements.

10. Any Other Business

- (a) Glenn Matthews prompted discussion on the need for a more formal approach to grounds maintenance and it was recognised that lighting/electrical maintenance would also be an issue, since David McHenry was no longer capable of the work involved;
- (b) Gavin Walker prompted discussion on media coverage as a means of informing the 'outside world' of our existence and potentially attracting new members and 'Business' cards (which already exist) were referred to. It was agreed that the incoming Committee should address (a) and (b) above at its earliest convenience;

- (c) The Hon.Sec was granted use of the Club's playing area for a gathering of ex-work colleagues who had expressed an interest in sampling a game of 'boules' (with a caveat re: insurance cover);
- (d) The Hon.Sec sought, and was granted, permission to confirm to the IPA that our terrain could be used for the IPA Doubles/Singles competitions this year (currently 6/7 June but this date is subject to change since it conflicts with North Down's Troon visit);
- (e) In the absence of any official approach from Pickie BC, it was generally agreed that the Hon.Treasurer should write to the Club enclosing a cheque for £500, the currently agreed annual contribution from North Down PC;
- (f) The President up-dated members on the situation with firstly, David McHenry who remains seriously ill and secondly the President's sister who is responding well to treatment; and
- (g) Ciaran McFerran proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by general acclaim, to the Club's Office Bearers for their work over the past year.

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