

MINUTES OF THE SHELL TRAVEL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SILVERMERE GOLF CLUB, COBHAM, SURREY ON WEDNESDAY, 6th MARCH 2019 AT 11.00 A.M.

Rob Jenkins, Chairman, opened the AGM by welcoming the Membership. He hoped that they would enjoy the occasion, the lunch and the after lunch talk to be given by Dr David Pegg.

1. **Apologies:** These were read out. However, for convenience they are attached as an Addendum and only reflect those we heard from.

2. **Minutes of the Previous AGM Held on 7th March 2018**

These were taken as a true and accurate record.

Proposer: Della Stokes **Seconded:** Bob Fowler

3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Chairman's Report**

There had been no changes to the Committee this year. The Data Protection Act work was now complete thanks to Pauline and Sally. There had been trips within the UK, France, New York and the Caribbean. Visits to the Sussex vineyards, Houses of Parliament and a Pantomime had been organised. A second Festive Lunch had been organised in November. The website continues to grow and attract interest. SWIB Travel insurance info remains on site which generates income for the Club. Special Club rates had been negotiated for Edgemoor Hotel. It would be most helpful, and save postage costs, if non website Members could sign up or nominate a friend or member of their family to access the website on their behalf. A survey asking for holiday suggestions had just been sent out. In addition to SWIB the Committee were looking for potential advertising on the web site i.e. if anyone had a holiday home they wished to advertise. Unfortunately no Club rates with Days Inn for 2019 had been negotiated. Parking had been agreed for 2019 at Cobham Services. Holidays had been arranged for 2019 to Madeira, Dalmation and Baltics Cruises, Sidmouth, Montenegro (subject to uptake), a trip to the Aladdin Pantomime; Edgemoor Hotel which was a self drive short stay and the Festive lunch. The organisers of these outings would be saying more about them. For 2020 there was a Fly/Cruise to Central America and Western Caribbean and a 4 night stay at Potters, Norfolk in May. A possible trip to Dordogne had been deferred to 2021.

5. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Pauline advised that 2018 was an extremely busy year for her as Membership Secretary because of GDPR. She thanked everyone who returned the forms and for those of you who posted your forms, the local school benefitted by the donation of your stamps. As a result of GDPR we started with a membership of just over 500 members and now have 322. The reason being that some of our older members decided that this was the time to leave as they were no longer able to go on trips, Some members did not reply and so we reluctantly had to bid them farewell. However, on a more positive note 33 new members had been enrolled in 2018. It was an interesting statistic to note that a quarter of our membership are here today for the AGM and lunch.

Sadly, Pauline advised that she and Barry had decided that the time was right for them to resign from the Committee. They had enjoyed working for the Club over many years but still hoped to see everyone at events such as the AGM.

Sally would, as an interim measure be taking over the role of Membership Secretary and combine it with her Web role.

6. Treasurer's Report and Accounts (January 2018 – December 2018)

The Treasurer's report had already been circulated. Brian explained that he had prepared both a Summary of Financial Results and a single page Report for the Financial Period. However, he was happy to email out to those interested the more detailed Report which covered the Report of the Accountants, Income and Expenditure, Balance Sheet and Notes to the Financial Statements. He pointed out that the Club only made a £139 surplus on trips. Together with various subsidies the Club were looking for ways to increase cash reserves. The suggestion was made from the floor that perhaps voluntary donations could be made or a one off levy of say £10.00. The Chairman and Brian decided that these ideas should be discussed in Committee and the result of these deliberations would be made known to the membership.

7. Web Review

Sally said all the photos on the site had now been updated. The Past Trips section continues to grow as it is updated so eventually we will have a record of all the trips run since 2017. We have 301 active subscribers to the website made up of members and non members. Remember to let us know if you change your email address so records can be updated. BT spam filters sometimes block Club emails which is why some of you may not have received our Survey. To access the Survey it was necessary also to scroll down to the bottom and that may have been another why some members missed participating in the Survey. Sally presented some interesting statistics, for instance Wednesday at 2 pm seems the most popular time to visit the site! On a show of hands it seemed as if half the attendees visited the website and in answer to how often, it seemed that most people viewed on a monthly basis. Sally reminded us to say we were with the Club when talking to Sutton

Winson as they would be prepared to pay more if they knew advertising with us resulted in additional business.

8. **Election of Officers**

Rob said that all the officers had expressed their willingness to continue for 2019. He then presented Pauline with a bouquet of flowers and thanked her and Barry for all their hard work over the years.

Chairman: Rob Jenkins

Officers and Committee Members listed below were all re-elected.

Treasurer: Brian Stokes

Membership Secretary & Web Co-Ordinator: Sally Dean

Secretary: Carol A Reid

Committee Members: Steve Jones, Allison Jenkins, and Bruce Ogilvy

Proposer: Glenda Loveday **Secunder:** Margaret Pegg

The Chairman said that Frieda Boase had indicated her willingness to join the Committee. After a unanimous vote he welcomed her on to the Committee.

Proposer: Glenda Loveday **Secunder:** Della Stokes

9. **Appointment of Auditor:** Mr Peter Fry

Proposer: Pauline Barnes **Secunder:** Della Stokes

10. **2019/2020 Holiday Programme**

Rob invited those members of the Committee running trips to give a brief outline – details of all trips can be found on the web site. Bruce, in addition to a summary of the cruises he was running presented the Trip Survey Results. Fifty people had replied. However, because of Spam Filters previously mentioned and the need to scroll down, not everyone received the Survey. Therefore, Sally would resend and the results would be put on the Web.

11. **Any Other Business**

The suggestion of a **raffle** being held at the Festive Lunch was favourably received. The Committee would be discussing how this could be handled. The question of a **roving microphone** was raised (as it was last year). The roving microphone is used by the Committee. There is a lapel microphone available but any additional microphone may incur a charge. The added problem of a roving microphone is the difficulty of passing it from table to table.

A vote of thanks to the Committee for all their hard work was given from the membership.

Proposer: Peter Phipps

Seconded: Vince McNamara

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 12.27 and wished everyone an enjoyable lunch and safe journey home.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
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Chrissy Eldridge
Ruzena Cates
Les Cates
Malcolm Gosling
Sandra Gosling
Laurie Wheeler
Sheila Johnson
Gillian Bloomfield
Patricia Roesaas
Magne Roesaas
Tom Symmons
Vi Symmons
Jill Jenkins
Brian Jenkins
Roger Pink
Sheila Pink
Ruth Bishop
Chris Bishop

Sue Briggs