



Stafford 41 Club

Minutes of 58th AGM held on 17 April 2019 at Stafford Castle Golf Club

The Chairman, Chris Reynolds, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He adopted a parochial approach (Ranton) by asking Martin Melling to say grace. Martin was nearly perfect.

Chairman Chris appointed Dave Gerrard and Anthony Stewart as joint Sergeants at Arms

A total of 21 members and guests sat down to eat a three-course meal plus tea/coffee.

Apologies - had been received from Messrs. S. Ashton, R. Barnett, R. Bonfa, B. Boucher, J. Burdekin, P. Farrington, R. Flatters, J. Gerrard, M. Heenan, G. Henderson, I. Henderson, S. Learoyd, K. Robins, C. Rowell, N. Sandy, and J. Wilson.

Guests - Chairman Chris introduced the newly elected chairman of Stafford Round Table, Paul Cooper, as a guest.

Paul addressed the meeting, commenting that Round Table numbers were low and that his focus for his forthcoming year was on membership.

Minutes of the 57th AGM – Chairman Chris stated that the minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated via the Stafford 41 Club website and proposed they were taken as read. This was accepted, there were no matters arising and the minutes were approved by the meeting.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Brett presented numbers; he reported that the Club had 37 full members, 23 country members and 2 honorary members.

A question regarding the 2 honorary members was dealt with to the satisfaction of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget – Treasurer Brett Phillips circulated a copy of the accounts (appended to these minutes).

There was a surplus on the year of £171.12, Ladies Night broke even and raffles & sales contributed most of the surplus.

Brett then invited questions on the accounts. There were several which were dealt with brilliantly by the Treasurer.

A proposal to adopt the accounts was proposed by Brett Phillips and seconded by Peter Quine. Adoption was carried unanimously.

Treasurer Brett then advised that the proposal regarding capitation fees put to the recent National AGM was that they should remain at £14.50. In view of the fact that the Club had generated a small surplus last year, he proposed that our subscriptions should also remain unchanged at £15 and that country members' subscriptions remain at £0.

This proposal was seconded by Mike Smith and carried unanimously.

Social Officer's Report – Jim Goodwin reported on a successful Ladies Night, confirmed that he would be standing for the position of Social Officer again this year and urged all members to come to the 2020 Ladies Night.

IRO – Rodney Thomas reported on a successful Lake District weekend and confirmed that he would be standing as International Relations Officer for the forthcoming year on the strict basis that it involved no international travel or contact.

Sales and Regalia – Mike Smith shared with the meeting the hectic nature of the Smith household recently due to their status as “double grandparents”. Accordingly the sales drive had not been as dynamic as previously, resulting in zero sales last year. He apologised for the lack of visual aids to graphically represent the sales performance.

However, he advised that stocks of badges were very healthy.

Mike thanked the meeting for their generosity in purchasing raffle tickets. Raffle proceeds had returned to high levels now that he was back conducting the raffle.

Gross raffle proceeds were £96.72, £4.60 per head.

Mike assured the meeting that the regalia were safely stored in his garage and that he would bring the regalia to a meeting at some point.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Chris commented on an interesting year after a challenging start at last year's AGM when long serving officers Nick Sandy and Chris Barton had stood down as Social Officer and “IRO” respectively.

He asked the meeting to remember the sad loss of club member Mike Thomas who passed away in September.

Chairman Chris thanked a number of people:

- Rodney Thomas and Ian Henderson for masterminding a highly successful weekend away in the Lake District.
- Jim Goodwin and Brett Phillips for their help in delivering a well-attended and thoroughly enjoyable Ladies Night.
- The “Social Committee” who had helped with arranging various meetings throughout the year; in particular he thanked:
 - Jim Goodwin for organising the August meeting at the Thai Heritage restaurant.
 - Peter Quine for putting together the September meeting at Bistro Le Coq at Stowe by Chartley and the November pub-crawl around Stafford.
 - Brett Phillips for arranging the Christmas meal and the AGM both of which were held at Stafford Castle Golf Club.

He also thanked Rodney Thomas for his services as chauffeur.

Chairman Chris commented that he had been honoured to be able to induct two new members, Dave Gerrard and Anthony Stewart, at the October business meeting.

He did have one regret, however. That was that the Tony Taylor Trophy had been lost for the first time in many years on his watch following a Crown Green Bowling competition with Round Table.

Election of Officers – There were no nominations from the floor, so the following were unanimously elected into office:

Chairman:	Tony Green
Vice Chairman:	Vacant
Secretary/Treasurer:	Brett Phillips
House Officer:	Bob Robson
Social Officer:	Jim Goodwin
IRO:	Rodney Thomas & Ian Henderson
Sales & Regalia Officer:	Mike Smith
Hon. Auditor:	Ian Henderson

Chairman's Handover

Chairman Chris then handed the chain of office over to the incoming Chairman, Tony Green.

Chairman Tony thanked Chris for his excellent year as Chairman and presented him with his past Chairman's jewel.

Tony commented that we did have a problem with no one prepared to stand as Vice Chairman and that he would continue to work to find someone to carry out this role. He announced that he would be holding a meeting next week to map out the meetings programme for the year.

Tony proposed that the Honorary Members for the coming year would be John Wilson and Paul Cooper (Chairman of Stafford RT). This was carried unanimously by the meeting.

Raffle – Mike Smith conducted the raffle; the following prizes were won:

- A bottle of Scotch by Tony Green.
- A bottle of wine by Martin Melling.
- A bottle of port by David Orme.

Sergeants at Arms – The joint Sergeants at Arms generated £7.00 by imposing numerous fines including:

- Martin Melling for his less than perfect grace.
- Peter Mincher-Lockett for dressing like a deck chair.
- George Elsmore for his temper tantrum.
- Everyone wearing a tie.
- George Elsmore for his pince nez.
- Peter Quine and Mike Smith for matching shirts.
- George Elsmore for ordering water.
- Paddy Hannigan for entering the meeting very late but "like a Ninja".

AOB – The Treasurer reminded everyone that the agreed subscriptions of £15 for the forthcoming year were now due.

Final Toast – Chairman Tony proposed the final toast “To Continued Friendship”.

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