

Minutes of the SDARC AGM 2022

Thurs 19th May 2022.

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Review of 2021-22
3. Finance: Presentation of Accounts for 2021-22
4. Elections to Committee
5. AOB (if submitted prior to AGM)

NOTICE of AGM was sent by email to all members on 14 April 2022.

Apologies Received:

Andy G0UWS (present via VC); Mark M0MTA; Stefan G7MGY; Nick M0JYH; Rob G4XUT

Present:

Peter CYS; Dom WHQ; Matthew WLF; Paul EPC; Andy UWS (via VC); Darren ERM; Mike HGV; Tony LDL; Graham OED; Roy VWG; Paul UAJ; Elwyn EFK; Den ACM; Viv IEP; Marc KYB; Ed OSM; Phil PBZ; Russell RFI; Jonathan ZGB ; Andrew CJE; James DST; Mike CBS; Jerry JJG. (N=23)

1. Welcome:

Dom welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Review of 2021-22.

A Report of the years activities was presented by Den and accepted (Pro: LDL, Sec: CYS)

3. Finance:

Andy presented the audited Accounts for 2021-22. He added comments to expand on the figures:

- Refreshments income is significantly down and despite our intention for the Refs income to cover the weekly rent, it doesn't get anywhere near that target. This appears to be in part a drop in attendance and partly due to those attending not always taking refreshments.
- Subscriptions income is up thanks to additional Members who joined during the year.
- Overall expenditure is also up due to Hall rent, increased RSGB subscription and the movement of monies from our account to the families of SK members whose equipment has been sold over the past 3 years.
- Our Operating Profit at £3335.93 compares well with pre-covid levels.
- Our bank account balance stands at £8024.36 (from the previous year at £7688) though this still includes sums which will be payable to SK families when requested, for sales made.

Questions from Members:

LDL: Is the income from sale of equipment all SK sales? - Yes.

HGV: If we compare to pre-covid year and take non that membership is up and hall costs are up how is Operating profit so close to previously? - The increase in hall charges has been offset by recent reductions in the hours we book, so keeping expenditure for that line less that would otherwise have been the case.

CJE: Why is the Sale of Equipment Refund not balanced by a Sale Income for this item? - Because the Sale took place in a previous Financial Year and was refunded to the purchaser in this Financial Year.

Dom WHQ took an opportunity to point out that the accounts have been scrutinised at Committee and subsequently independently audited.

Tony LDL Proposed we accept the Accounts. Seconded by Viv IEP. Agreed.

4. **Elections to Committee:**

Den reminded everyone that Members elect a Committee and that those committee members then determine roles within that committee (eg Chair, Sec, Treas, Membership, Assets,....)

Mike HGV proposed that the existing Committee be re-elected en bloc unless anyone wished to withdraw.

Additional members were sought to bring in further strength and fresh ideas. Paul AUJ and Elwyn EFK agreed to join the committee. No-one expressed a wish to step down.

These suggestions and offers were seconded by Tony LDL and agreed.

Roy VWG asked what the Committee actually did. Dom spent some 5 minutes listing the various roles, tasks and activities that the committee initiate or respond to in the background. It was further pointed out that SDARC is a Members Club and that, irrespective of being 'on the committee', Members seeing something that needs to be done should offer to do something and 'muck in' – eg as does Roy with the supply of biscuits and as Tony does in leading the maintenance and the storing of the Club Tower.

5. **AOB:**

Parking at Pinetrees: It was pointed out that some members had been in the habit of parking in the Disabled Parking spaces. This makes it very difficult for disabled attendees – whether Members or Visitors, to get into a position where they can park and exit/enter their vehicle. Members were reminded that Disabled Parking spaces are for Blue Badge holders only.

Technical Questions to Members: Following a request for a means of asking technical questions directly to members on line, it was pointed out that the *Groups.io* forum was intended for just that purpose and that anyone wanting to open a Q and A on a specific topic should just create a new topic.

Subscriptions: A question about whether the Club should revise Membership Subs was referred back to committee to watch trends on income and expenditure through into October and gauge whether this matter should be discussed formally at next years' AGM.

The meeting ended at 20h43.

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