

HASTINGS AND ST LEONARDS COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

Minutes of AGM held 18.5.10 at 8.55 pm

The Chairman welcomed members.

1. Apologies for absence: Celia, Chris H., Brenda, Lilian, Steven.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

These had been circulated. The adoption of the minutes was carried by those present.

3. Matters arising

No matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

Doug regretted that he could no longer be at the Club as often as in the past, but he was glad to observe that it was still thriving. The atmosphere in the Club was always friendly and welcoming, and newcomers felt at ease. He would be resigning as Chairman, but he and Kate would continue to be members and would be coming whenever possible.

5. Secretary's Report

Usual correspondence related to booking arrangements for dances.

6. Treasurer's Report

Accounts for 2009-2010 had been circulated. The Club remained financially healthy, partly due to the fees at St. Matthews and Ninfield remaining unchanged. The Club was still using Minidisc and CD players, but funds were earmarked for replacement. We were fortunate that Doug had been able to repair the Minidisc player during the year.

The average attendance was 27 members, although this had decreased slightly in recent weeks; we need 21/22 to keep in profit. The Saturday dances had just increased to £4 to cover costs. There had been two very poorly attended Saturday dances due to bad weather and an unfounded rumour that one had been cancelled. However, there was no cross subsidy between the Tuesday Club nights and the Saturday dances.

Thanks were expressed to Jeremy Wells for checking the accounts.

6.1 Adoption of the Accounts

Proposed: Margaret Stannard

Seconded: Joan

Carried unanimously.

6.2 Appointment of Scrutineer

Jeremy Wells was willing to check the accounts for 2010 – 2011. It was agreed he be appointed as Scrutineer.

7. Election of Officers and Committee

Apart from Doug, the existing committee were willing to stand again. Ginny had volunteered to stand as Chairman, and Diana and Christine K. volunteered to stand as committee members. There being no other nominations, the committee for 2010 – 2011 was unanimously elected en bloc as follows:

Chairman	Ginny James
Secretary	Janice Bolton
Committee	Joan Downing, Ginny James, Derek Copp, Diana Copp, Christine Knag

8. AOB

1. Although the last Club barn dance had not been very well supported, we would continue to arrange free evenings at intervals. Members attending the last 'free' evenings had donated their normal fee, raising over £50 for the Hospice. The AGM night would be free, although the annual membership was now due.
2. Diana suggested that those calling should not pay the club fee. This was carried.
3. Members agreed that the annual membership should stay at £5, and the weekly fee £2. Surplus profit could be used to pay outside callers, the Christmas party or arranging occasional free evenings.
4. Kate reminded members that anyone from the Club is eligible to attend SUSFA meetings. The AGM had been held on 17th May, and Janice would be receiving the minutes.
5. The 'ring round' list would need updating. Janice would arrange this.
6. Doug thanked the committee and all those who helped on Tuesdays.
7. Ginny thanked Doug for all his hard work as Chairman.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Note after meeting

Doug (and Kate) to be presented with gift

Letter of thanks to Jeremy Wells