

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Remenham Club Ltd.,
held at the Club-house on Sunday, 29th June 2008, at 11.45 am.**

Present Mr J E C Steel (President), Mr M J S Levy (chairman); Vice-Presidents: Messrs R G Higgins, C D Kester, C H E Fox, Mrs L J Malhi, Mr D G Shove (Hon. Secretary).
Committee Members: Mr J R Elder, Mrs J K Fidan, Messrs P A Francis, R W A Hare, Dr C A Harrison, Messrs R B Hopkirk, N P Main, M Piper, R C Scott, R Welch, R L K Wood (Hon. Treasurer). 12 other members were also present.

Apologies were received from Messrs R H Burnett, P D Hunter, P R Jennings, G J E Lewis, A E Gaylard, Mrs R Haining, R J Hurles, John Redwood, Don Anderson, Graham Butler, Den Shelton.

1. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 25th June 2006

It was proposed by Mr Levy and seconded by Mr Steel that these be taken as read, confirmed and signed: this was agreed *nem con.*

There was a suggestion from the floor that the minutes should be circulated to the Membership prior to the AGM. The Secretary agreed to include the draft minutes in the Spring Circular, and to post them on the Club's web site.

Mr Bryan Griffin mentioned that in a previous AGM the Committee had agreed to provide notices on the mound asking Members and guests not to stand during racing – these signs had stopped being provided. The Committee agreed to re-instate them.

2. Reception and adoption of the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2007, and reports of the Directors and Accountants thereon

Mr Wood said that the Club was solvent, and there was a good cash balance in the Club's deposit account. The variances from the previous year were mostly caused by different allocation of income and expenditure items, for example telephone costs were now included under Administration. Detailed spreadsheets were available to any Member at the meeting on request.

Mr Wood said that expenditure in the next year was likely to include some extraordinary items due to celebrations of the Club's Centenary – this might lead to a small deficit. Mr Fox's running of the Club's bar continued to contribute a large sum.

In answer to a question,, Mr Wood said that the increase in the cost of social functions was due to a re-allocation of certain costs, which used to be included under Bar.

Mr Steel thanked Mr Wood for his efforts during the year. Mr Higgins proposed and Mr Griffin seconded the adoption of the accounts; this was carried *nem con.*

3. Election of officers

- **President** – Mr Levy took the Chair for this item. The Committee had proposed the re-election of Mr Steel as President; Mrs Fidan seconded the proposal. Mr Steel's election was agreed *nem con.* Mr Steel resumed the Chair.
- **Emeritus Vice-Presidents** – the Committee had nominated no additions to the Emeritus Vice-Presidents, who would remain Messrs R H Burnett and D N Shelton, subject to their re-election by this meeting.

- **Vice-Presidents** – the current Vice-Presidents were Mr P D Hunter, Mr P R Jennings, Mr R G Higgins, Mr C D Kester, Mr M J S Levy, Mr C H E Fox, Mr G J E Lewis, Mr D G Shove and Mrs L J Malhi. The election of the two Emeritus Vice-Presidents and all these Vice-Presidents was proposed by Mr Tony Gordon, seconded by Dr Chris Harrison and passed *nem con*.
- **Officers** – Mr Roland Wood was prepared to stand again as Hon. Treasurer. Mrs Malhi proposed and Mr Griffin seconded his re-election: this was agreed *nem con*.

Mr Shove was prepared to stand again as Hon. Secretary. Mr Steel proposed and Mr Levy seconded his re-election: this was agreed *nem con*.

- **Committee** – During the year, Mr Alexei Gaylard (L) had expressed a wish to stand down, due to pressure of work. Mr Iain Cowell had been co-opted to replace him. Mr Mike Piper (S) had been co-opted to replace Mrs Malhi on her elevation to Vice-President.

Subject to the approval of the AGM, the Committee would thus comprise Mr I Cowell (L), Mr J R Elder (Th), Mrs J K Fidan (née Fearnside) (M), Mr P A Francis (K), Mrs R Haining (Th), Mr R W A Hare (L), Dr C A Harrison (V), Mr R B Hopkirk (M), Mr R J Hurlles (Tw), Mr N P Main (K), Mr M Piper (S), Mr R C Scott (Tw), Mr R Welch (V) and Mr R L K Wood (S).

Mr Tony Dean proposed and Mr Tony Gordon seconded the re-election of the Committee *en bloc*: this was agreed *nem con*.

4. **Election of the Reporting Accountants** – Mr Wood proposed the re-appointment of Messrs Villars Hayward as the Club's Reporting Accountants. This was seconded by Mr Higgins, and carried *nem con*.

5. **Any other business**

- **Caretakers** – Mr Bryan Griffin proposed a vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Wood for their work on the clubhouse and grounds – they were looking immaculate. This was agreed with acclaim.
- **Club Centenary** – in answer to a question Mr Steel reported that many arrangements were in hand to celebrate the Club's centenary in 2009. These would include: a row-past of seven eights, one from each Club, in the tea interval on Regatta Friday, for which the Steward's approval had been obtained. It was hoped that HRH Prince Michael of Kent might agree to follow the race. There might also be a centenary fours head at Henley in October.

The Club's annual dinner would be held at a neutral venue, probably on a boat on the Tideway. There might also be a dinner-dance at Henley just before the Regatta. A historical booklet was being prepared, with the help of Ms Liz Wray who would interview a representative of each Club to collect reminiscences. Mr Keith Ticehurst would be producing a special cartoon, and there would be a special badge design. It was hoped to commission a painting from Wendy Clouse, from which prints would be produced for sale. There would also be special centenary clothing items for sale, and various other items.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.03pm.