



## **Minutes of the AGM held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012 at Redlibbets Golf Club, Manor Lane, West Yoke, Ash**

### **Present**

**Juliet Atherton(Chair), Alex Betts, Anne Billings, Janet Playle, Sue Green, Vanessa MacNaughton, Mandy Hall, Diana Reese, Judy Charlton, Diana Odgers.**

### **Apologies**

**Sir John Stanley, Merrilyn Boorman, Mimi Anderson, Dawn Button, Emma Norwood, Henny Donovan, Tash Woods, Pat Wilmshurst, Jenny Chambers, Jean Dougal, Jennifer Betts, Evelyn King, Pam Munro, Diana Hawkins, Clare Cannon, Sue Scott.**

Juliet Atherton opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

1. **The Minutes of the AGM** on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were taken as read and signed by Juliet Atherton. The Minutes were proposed by Vanessa MacNaughton and seconded by Judy Charlton and it was agreed unanimously that they be adopted.
2. **The Chairman's Report** was read out by Anne Billings as follows

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2012**

Good morning and a warm welcome to you all. I would like to start by thanking Anne and Stephen Billings for allowing us to hold our AGM at their club house- we really do appreciate it.

This report covers the financial year from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 – September 30<sup>th</sup> 2011. Clare Cannon has stepped down as Chairman and we thank her for all her hard work. Juliet Atherton is taking on the role officially at the AGM.

### **Income and fundraising**

The Gift Fair of 2010 was once again held at The Schools at Somerhill in Tonbridge, by very kind permission of the governors. We raised £8,099( with the Grand Draw making an additional £1,514). This is thanks to the considerable hard work and effort of all involved, and a great result in these straightened times

November saw a new venue for our bridge tea – Kippington Hall in Sevenoaks proved a popular choice and provided a great setting for a good afternoon's play (and there is a dishwasher!!) The usual selection of mouthwatering sandwiches, scones and cakes were served and we raised £1,448.

Appalling wintry weather meant the cancellation of the children's Christmas party in Hildenborough much to everyone's disappointment. All those who bought tickets very generously donated the money anyway and a staggering £4,558 was made.

The children's disco went with a swing with party games and disco fun at The Scott's Project and £1,366 was taken.

A new Spring bridge event in Rolvenden was held in March, a hot lunch was served and much enjoyed. This raised over £1,441 and will be repeated this coming year.

A group of 8 intrepid sixth formers from Worth School swam the English Channel in July to raise funds for KHoCA. Patrick Thick, Conor Keating, Charlotte Butter, Christopher Cannon, Henry Palmer, Edwin Tsui, Illan Aboitiz and Peter Dommet were the star swimmers and we thank them all sincerely for their superb achievement. They raised £5,966.

Donations were also received from, amongst others, the New Beacon School Ball committee who raised £1,140 for us. Huge thanks to them for their efforts.

### **DONATIONS MADE**

<b>Fynvola Foundation</b>	<b>1,071</b>
<b>Martha Trust</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Tonbridge Mencap</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>RDA</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Five Aside</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>Art for Life</b>	<b>6,000</b>
<b>Scotts Project</b>	<b>1,410</b>
<b>Medway Council</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>3H Fund</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Rose Farm</b>	<b>435</b>
<b>Spadework</b>	<b>1,656</b>
<b>Anchor Support Services</b>	<b>1,859</b>
<b>Maidstone Mencap</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Christmas card competition prizes</b>	<b><u>300</u></b>
<b><u>Total donations made</u></b>	<b><u>34,731</u></b>

I am sure you will all agree that this is an amazing total, especially considering the economic climate.

## Visits

Charlotte Wetton attended the Pepenbury Carol Service.

Alex Betts and Juliet Atherton visited The Martha Trust to discuss their plans for a new hydrotherapy pool, which is now underway thanks in part to KHoCA's donation.

Anne Billings went to Spadework at Offham.

Anne Billings and Diana Reese went to Art for Life in Rochester and reported back that our money is being well spent with a wide variety of materials being used to create wonderful pieces.

Anne Billings went to visit Five a side Fun in Ashford, a marvelous scheme for adults to play football/socialize in various sports hall, which we are now sponsoring.

## Forthcoming events

I would like to draw your attention to a forthcoming event. We are holding another bridge lunch in Rolvenden Village Hall on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are still available so do try and get a table together. Contact Diana Reese for further details.

We are holding a Fashion Show at Dulwich Prep School, Cranbrook on March 14<sup>th</sup> with The Powder Room of Cranbrook. Other events are in the pipeline so do keep an eye out for our mailings.

Finally I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work over the year. It has not been an easy year for all financially and is a real testament to you all that we have achieved so much. Next year will be similarly challenging and I urge everyone to continue to support us wherever possible. As well as fundraising we have a lot of laughs and are always on the lookout for new members – do contact us if interested or find us on Facebook!

3. The Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were circulated. They were proposed by Diana Odgers and seconded by Judy Charlton and agreed unanimously that these be adopted. Juliet Atherton thanked Janet Playle for the accounts.

**Appointment of Auditor.** Robert Cannon was proposed as Auditor by Anne Billings and seconded by Alex Betts.

### 4. Election of Officers and Committee

**Chairman, Mrs J Atherton** Proposed by Diana Odgers and seconded by Judy Charlton.

**Vice Chairman, Mrs A Billings**, Proposed by Judy Charlton and seconded by Diana Odgers

**Secretary (Alex Betts) and Treasurer (Janet Playle)** to remain in place, proposed by Diana Reese and seconded by Mandy Hall, and agreed unanimously.

The Committee have received 3 resignations, Mimi Anderson and Tash Woods who move to the Associate Committee, and Dawn Button. We thank them all most sincerely for all their hard work and look forward to their continuing support at our events.

The Committee remains as last year:

**Sue Green,(Membership Secretary)**, Emma Norwood, Diana Reese, Jean Dougal, Vanessa MacNaughton, Mandy Hall, Clare Cannon.

- These members of the committee were re-elected 'en-bloc' proposed by Judy Charlton and seconded by Diana Odgers and agreed unanimously.

The remainder of the Associate Committee: Catherine Barden, Jennifer Betts, Sarah Brice, Henny Donovan, Merrilyn Boorman, Flic Brodie, Sue Foreman, Ali Greenslade, Bridget Griffiths, Diana Odgers, Gilly Legg, Hayley Hobbs ,Caroline Raw, Bella Ryan, Sue Scott, Jenny Chambers, Pat Wilmshurst, Charlotte Wetton and Judy Charlton

Were elected en bloc and proposed by Alex Betts and seconded by Juliet Atherton.

5. Date of next years AGM Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2013

The meeting was closed by Juliet Atherton at 10.30pm