

BARCLAYS INTERNATIONAL PENSIONERS CLUB
82ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2021
AT THE UNION JACK CLUB, SANDELL STREET, LONDON SE1 8JJ

The Meeting commenced at 3:15pm

The Chairman, Andy Fair welcomed 37 Members to the 82nd Annual General Meeting.

1. MOMENT'S SILENCE

- a. Members held a moment's silence in memory of the 65 Members who passed away in 2020 and 44 Members who had so far passed away this year.
- b. Brief special mention was made of:
 - i. Terry Finnagin (including his work on Club website)
 - ii. John Smith (as co-organiser of the Windsor Park Picnic)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

David Cawdery, Jon Copping, Elizabeth Fraser, Eddie Hill, Tom Lee, Erol Mahmout, Ian Nicholls, Alan Peachey, Sally Unwin.

3. MINUTES OF THE CLUB'S 81ST (2019) AGM

Minutes of the 81st AGM held on Tuesday, 5th November 2019 were circulated to the Members and reviewed by the Committee. The Minutes were approved without amendment.

Proposer: Robert Scallon
Seconded: Peter Bonnor-Moris

4. MATTERS ARISING

Andy Fair thanked Sally Unwin for preparing name tags for the Lunch and AGM.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Ratification of decision to cancel 2020 AGM

The Club's constitution requires an AGM to be held but does not prescribe the timeframe within which any given AGM has to be held. As I mentioned in my Chairman's Message in early 2020, the severity and long-reaching impact of the Covid pandemic became very clear leading to the Committee decision to cancel the 2020 AGM. The Members retrospectively approved the Committee's decision to cancel the 2020 AGM.

Proposer: Darrell Barnes
Seconded: Trevor Martin

b. Impact of Covid on 2020 and 2021 Social Calendars:-

The Chairman thanked the organisers of the Club's social events of which many had to be cancelled and others re-arranged to be held on alternative dates.

The Chairman also explained the decision that it would not be possible to hold future Windsor Park picnics due to changed location issues.

c. Committee membership changes:

The Chairman confirmed that Covid-restricted Committee meetings had been held using Zoom.

Three Committee members, Mike Cummins, Denis Flaherty and Trevor Martin, retired at the close of the AGM after more than a combined 50 years' service on the Committee. Members were invited to show their appreciation of Mike; Denis and Trevor's commitment and service to the Club.

The Chairman confirmed that three vacancies on the Committee were therefore available open to full Members of the Club. Anyone interested was welcome to attend future Committee meetings on a no obligation basis (and free lunch!) to see the Committee in action. If interested, Members should please let either the Chairman or any Committee member know.

The Chairman confirmed that after 6 years at the helm he would be retiring at the close of the Meeting but remain on the Committee with Simon Culliford becoming Chairman going forward.

6. CLUB ACCOUNTS

a. Year ended 31.12.2019

Audited accounts were circulated to Members with Newsletter No.88 (Autumn 2020) but due to the cancellation of the 2020 AGM had not been approved by Members. The Members retrospectively approved the 2019 Accounts.

Proposer: Mike McNie
Seconder: Peter Bonnor-Moris

b. Year ended 31.12.2020

Unaudited accounts were included with Newsletter No. 89 (Spring 2021) with confirmation of the completion of the audit of the accounts, without change from the circulated unaudited accounts, included with Newsletter No.91 (Autumn 2021).

Lesley Mittins, Hon Treasurer confirmed the 2020 accounts were posted on the Website earlier this year, a little later than usual because Covid travel restrictions had prevented the auditor from conducting the audit in January as usual. The Club website and Zoom had been our saviour during the pandemic, enabling us to conduct Club business from afar and to keep Members updated. Club "News" on the website enabled Members registered for paperless communication to read our Newsletters ahead of those who receive paper copies, which were delivered as and when there were postmen available to do so. If any Members would like access to the website, they should please speak to any of the Committee who would be happy to assist them. Steve Kitson, the Club website webmaster, had been incredibly generous this year in reducing his fees on various occasions in an effort to assist the Club, for which we thank him.

With regard to the Bank Grant for 2021, the Bank was exceptionally helpful in supporting us, bearing in mind that we were unable to run any social events in 2020 so they could not judge Members' participation numbers. They kindly gave us the same grant of £20,243 as we received in 2020 which helped the (somewhat delayed) Bournemouth and Ladies' lunches, as well as the Sidmouth and Autumn lunches. Attendance at these events will, of course, affect the grant we receive for 2022 which will naturally be much lower than if we'd been able to have a full year's social calendar. However, I would like to place on record how grateful the Club is for the Bank's generosity to us in such trying times.

This year, unsurprisingly, we have only attracted two new Members whilst our membership continues to decline due to age and health. If you know of any ex-colleagues who have yet to join our ranks, please do your best to persuade them to join us.

All things considered, the Club's finances remain healthy. I believe the accounts show our affairs

to be in good order and I commend them to you for adoption. Let us all hope for better times in 2022. Members approved the 2020 Accounts.

Proposer: Robert Scallon
Seconded: Chris Duncan

7. BENEVOLENT FUND ACCOUNTS

a. Year ended 31.12.2019

As with the Club accounts, audited accounts were circulated to Members with Newsletter No.88 (Autumn 2020) but due to the cancellation of the 2020 AGM have not been approved by Members. The Members retrospectively approved the 2019 Accounts.

Proposer: Robert Scallon
Seconded: Anne Hinds

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Richard Webb confirmed grants in 2020 totalled just less than £3000, principally made up by top up payments to 27 recipients in the Bahamas who suffered financial hardship after Hurricane Dorian struck the island in Autumn 2019.

We made only one grant to a pensioner in the UK.

Funds available for distribution in the future total approximately £14,200. So far this year we have made no grants. Members approved the 2020 Accounts.

Proposer: Peter Bonnor-Morris
Seconded: Cliff Knowlden

8. ELECTION OF CLUB COMMITTEE

Having been properly nominated, proposed and seconded under the Club's Constitution, the remaining 12 Members agreed to stand again for election. In alphabetical order, they are: Simon Culliford, Paul Dennis, Andy Fair, Adrian Field, Maria Heaney, Steve Kitson (*ex officio*), Steve Merry, Lesley Mittins, Barry Streets, Margot Sutton, Hilary Turner and Richard Webb. They were duly elected.

Proposer: Mike Cummins
Seconded: Darrell Barnes

9. ELECTION OF CLUB HON. AUDITOR

Andy Fair agreed to be appointed the Hon. Auditor of the Club accounts with effect from the close of the Meeting and was duly elected.

Proposer: Peter Bonnor-Morris
Seconded: Mike Cummins

10. ELECTION OF BENEVOLENT FUND COMMITTEE (TRUSTEES) AND HON. AUDITOR

Richard Webb explained that Simon Culliford would take over the role of Chairman *ex-officio* from Andy Fair with effect from the close of the Meeting; and

In alphabetic order, the following Members had agreed to stand for election and were duly elected, Denis Flaherty, Lesley Mittins, Margot Sutton and Richard Webb and Simon Culliford as Chairman *ex officio*.

Proposer: Francis Hay
Seconded: John Connell

Andy Fair had agreed to be appointed and was duly elected as the Fund's Hon. Auditor upon standing down as Chairman *ex-officio*.

Proposer: Peter Bonnor-Moris
Seconded: Mike Cummins

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

New "Affiliate" Club membership

The Chairman confirmed a new "Affiliate" membership has been introduced in recognition that there might be some retirees from the Bank who would otherwise satisfy the Bank's conditions for "full" membership other than the 15 years length of service. The Committee has therefore exercised its discretion to introduce "Affiliate" membership requiring only 10 years' service.

However, as the Club would not be able to claim any Bank Grant for "Affiliate" members, unlike "Associate" members (i.e. spouses of deceased Club Members), they will be required to pay the Club's £10 joining fee. Like "Associate" Members though, "Affiliate" members will be entitled to attend, but not vote, at the Club's AGMs.

Mike McNie thanked the Committee for all their hard work in making the Club the success that it is.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2022

There being no other business the meeting closed at 3.40pm.



Simon Culliford (Chairman)