

BARCLAYS INTERNATIONAL PENSIONERS CLUB
83rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2022
AT THE UNION JACK CLUB, SANDELL STREET, LONDON SE1 8JJ

The Meeting commenced at 3.25pm.

The Chairman, Simon Culliford welcomed 35 Members to the 83rd Annual General Meeting, his first as Chairman.

1. MOMENT'S SILENCE

Members held a moment's silence in memory of the 91 Members who had passed away since the 2021 AGM.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Chester Ball, John Bennett, Mike Cummins, Maria Heaney, Iain Knapman, Stephen Merry, Ian Nicholls, Alan Peachey, Hilary Turner, Sally Unwin, Alan Peachey and Richard Webb.

3. MINUTES OF THE CLUB'S 82nd (2021) AGM

Minutes of the 82nd AGM held on Tuesday, 2nd November 2021 had been reviewed by the Committee and a copy made available to Members on the Club website prior to the Meeting. The Minutes were approved without amendment.

Proposer: Robert Scallon
Seconder: Peter Bonnor-Moris

The draft Minutes of the 83rd AGM would be made available on the Club website as soon as possible.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. 2022 Social Calendar:-

The Chairman thanked all the organisers' of the Club's social events most of which had, post-Covid, been able to be held again.

In particular, he thanked:

- a) Peter Kenyon for the many years he had organised the Club's Sidmouth Lunch and to David Cawdery who had agreed to take over from Peter with effect from the 2022 Lunch; and
- b) Em Lloyd-Davies for his continued efforts in trying to organise the Club's York Lunch which regrettably had to be cancelled in 2022 due to failing to meet the venue's minimum number of attendees.

b. Committee membership changes:

The Chairman confirmed that face-to-face Committee meetings had been able to resume in 2022.

He was also pleased to confirm Andy Fair had agreed to continue to serve on the Committee as Hon. Auditor of both the Club and the Benevolent Fund.

6. CLUB ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31.12.2021

Audited accounts were included with Newsletter No. 92 (New Year 2022) and a copy placed on the Club's website.

Lesley Mittins' full report is appended to the Minutes confirming her belief that the accounts show the Club's affairs to be in good order and commending them to you for adoption. Members approved the 2022 Accounts.

Darryl Barnes highlighted a minor error on the presentation of the accounts. Bank Balances under Expenditure should read as "31/12/2020" (and not "31/12/2021"). Lesley Mittins agreed the change to "31/12/2020" be made.

Proposer: Darryl Barnes
Seconder: Anne Hinds

7. BENEVOLENT FUND ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31.12.2021

Audited accounts were included with Newsletter No. 92 (New Year 2022) and a copy placed on the Club's website.

Richard Webb was unable to attend the AGM but had confirmed that:-

- a) there had been no requests for grants received in 2021; and
- b) total funds available for distribution as at 30th September 2022 were £13,810.06

Darryl Barnes queried the drop in donations during the year. It was noted that an appeal for funds had been made in 2020 in response to the devastation caused by hurricanes in the Caribbean.

Members approved the 2021 Accounts.

Proposer: Peter Bonnor-Moris
Seconder: Chris Duncan

8. ELECTION OF CLUB COMMITTEE

Having been properly nominated, proposed and seconded under the Club's Constitution, the current 14 Committee Members, including the two new members, had 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, Richard Webb, Keith White and Roger Wright. They were duly elected.

Proposer: Trevor Olney
Seconder: Chris Crooks

9. ELECTION OF CLUB HON. AUDITOR

Andy Fair had agreed to stand again for election as the Hon. Auditor of the Club accounts with effect from the close of the Meeting and was duly elected.

Proposer: David Emerton
Seconder: Anne Hinds

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

There had been no changes to the membership of the Benevolent Fund Committee who had all agreed to continue to serve on the Committee. In alphabetic order, the following Members had agreed to stand for election: Denis Flaherty, Lesley Mittins, Margot Sutton, Richard Webb and Simon Culliford as Chairman *ex officio*.

Proposer: Peter Bonnor-Moris
Secunder: Robert Scanlon

Andy Fair had agreed to stand again for election as the Fund's Hon. Auditor and was duly elected.

Proposer: Darryl Barnes
Secunder: David Emerton

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chris Duncan thanked the Committee for all their hard work in continuing to make the Club the success that it was.

David Emerton thanked Steve Merry for his handling of communication of Members' passing so efficiently and sensitively.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2023

There being no other business the meeting closed at 3.45pm.

6. CLUB ACCOUNTS - Appendix

The 2021 accounts were posted on the Website earlier this year and copies have been laid out at this meeting. As everyone comes to terms with life after the pandemic, the Club Committee has been able to make a welcome return to meetings in person this year.

Whilst we anticipated that the Bank Grant for 2022 would be substantially reduced, the Bank has again been exceptionally generous in basing our Grant on pre-pandemic figures, giving us £20,243.50. So whilst our current bank balance is extremely healthy, I anticipate that the bank will wish to return to a more realistic figure for 2023.

I am pleased to report that, despite soaring energy and fuel prices, costs for our website and printing have only increased marginally this year. However, in 2023 I fear we may not be so lucky. In this respect may I urge anyone who still receives a paper copy of our Newsletter to consider moving to online access as this reduces our costs considerably. We have a brilliant website, ably run for us by Steve Kitson, and any Committee member will be more than pleased to assist you in getting access.

Although numbers attending our lunches this year have been slightly down, it is encouraging to see them gradually creeping up, as evidenced by the splendid turnout today. Please continue to support us and encourage your friends to do likewise. It is your Club and we want to ensure it has a thriving future. In this respect I am delighted to report that this year we have attracted five new members, a slight improvement on last year! If you are in touch with former colleagues who have not yet joined us, please encourage them to do so: they are assured of a warm welcome.

I believe the Club accounts show a healthy financial position, well able to take us through to March 2023 when our next Grant is due, and I commend them to you for adoption. Last year I ended by hoping for better times in 2022 and that wish was granted. Thank you for your support and let's do even better in 2023.