

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH CLUB, GOTHENBURG

Held at 13.00 hours on Saturday 22 February 2014
at Haga Östergatan 26 (J-E & S Andersson), Gothenburg

1. The meeting was opened at 13.05 by Sheila Andersson, Chairperson. The 12 members attending were warmly welcomed.
2. The AGM elected Sheila Andersson as Chairman for the meeting and Monica Edholm as Secretary.
3. The Agenda was approved as per the proposed agenda attached to the Notice of the AGM previously distributed in accordance with the Club Statutes. There were 2 items included in §11: (a) BYOB and (b) Gunnebo Slott event.
4. The Minutes of the previous AGM (23 Feb 2013) were read and approved.
5. The Chairperson's Annual Report was read and approved. The Committee was given the job of considering the venue for the next Poppy Day Tea due to high attendance and the cramped conditions at Drottning Kristinas Jaktslott in November 2013.
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 - a) The Treasurer presented his Statement as attached. Compared to 2012, numbers attending the events had decreased slightly and the subsidy the Club was paying per person attending was Kr 78.77 per event. The Meeting thanked the Treasurer for his hard work during the year.
 - b) Membership fees for the year 2015: the Committee's suggestion to maintain the present fees, unless the situation demanded it in which case such an increase should be no more than Kr50. This was approved by the AGM.
 - c) In accordance with Swedish practice and the Club Statutes, the meeting reaffirmed the signatories for the Club as being the Treasurer or Chairperson per se.
 - d) The Treasurer presented the account for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2013 as attached. The sum of Kr 20 008 was collected which resulted in £1831.77 being remitted to the UK on 10 December 2013.
 - e) The meeting agreed regarding the bad debt that if the Club received payments for each month in 2014, it would be suggested to the 2015 AGM for the debt to be written off. Items a,b,c,d and e were all approved by the meeting. They were proposed by Keith Barnard and seconded by June Abrahamsson.
7. The Auditors' Report had been received by the Treasurer and approved by the Meeting.
8. A motion absolving the committee from legal responsibility as from the end of its term of office was proposed by Keith Barton and seconded by Gerry Montgomery and approved by the AGM.
9. Sheila Andersson had one year left of her Chairperson period. Alan and Monica were re-elected for 2 years as Treasurer and Secretary. Gisela Barnard and Paul Greer, after many years of devoted service were standing down as Membership Secretary and Editor/Webmaster respectively. The Meeting thanked them deeply for their hard work and loyalty. Catriona Chaplin has gallantly volunteered to take on the roles of Membership Secretary and Webmistress. Gerry Montgomery was elected as a new committee member. The Committee for 2014 is as follows:

Chairperson:	Sheila Andersson
Secretary:	Monica Edholm
Treasurer:	Alan White
Mem. Sec:	Catriona Chaplin (and Webmistress)
Member:	Jean Irving
Member:	David Phillips
Member:	Mike Batty
Member:	Gisela Barnard (representing the Church)
Member:	Gerry Montgomery
10. Lena O'Dowd was re-elected as Auditor for 2014 and Dudley Hicks as assistant auditor.
11. **Any Other Business**
 1. The buying, carrying and stocking the bar was such an arduous task that it was suggested that members Bring their Own Bottles/Cans. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that there would be a wine bar only – members wishing to drink beer, were very welcome to bring their own.
 2. The Meeting agreed to the Committee's suggestion to have a June event at Gunnebo

Slott with the Club paying entrance fee and refreshment.

12. The Chairman thanked the Committee members for their hard work during the year and the meeting closed at 14.15