

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

Held at 13.00 hours on Saturday 28 February 2015  
at Haga Östergatan 26 (J-E & S Andersson), Gothenburg

1. **The meeting was opened** at 13.10 by Sheila Andersson, Chairman. The 16 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.
4. **The Minutes of the previous AGM** (22 Feb 2014) were read and approved.
5. **The Chairman's Annual Report** was read and approved with special thanks to Andy Hodgson for accepting the role of joint auctioneer at the last minute.
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  - a) **The Treasurer** presented his Statement as attached showing a SEK 1 577.97 increase due to the bad debt being paid off by SEK 9 000. The Treasurer recommended that the Club writes off the remainder of approx. SEK 4 400 as suggested in last year's minutes if all payments were received for 2014. The meeting agreed to this proposition and a letter to the debtor would be sent by the Chairman. The proposition to write off the bad debt was proposed by Alan White, seconded by Mike Batty and approved by the meeting unanimously.
  - b) Membership fees for the year 2016: the Committee's proposal to maintain the present fees, unless the situation demanded it in which case such an increase should be no more than Kr50, 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 Chairman per se for sums up to SEK 20 000 but for an amount, above SEK 20 000, both signatories would be required.
  - d) The Treasurer presented the result collected for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2014 as attached. The sum of SEK 26 591.08 had been collected which resulted in £2 270.85 being remitted to the UK in December 2014 – a very praiseworthy amount. Items b and c were approved by the meeting. They were proposed by Keith Barnard and seconded by Dudley Hicks.
7. **The Auditors' Report** had been received by the Treasurer and accepted 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 Barnard and seconded by John Chaplin and approved by the AGM.
9. Sheila Andersson agreed to stand another two years as Chairman. Alan and Monica had one year left to stand as Treasurer and Secretary. David Phillips due to family commitments was retiring as committee member. The remainder of the committee agreed to stand another year.  
**The Committee for 2015** is as follows:

Chairperson:	Sheila Andersson
Secretary:	Monica Edholm
Treasurer:	Alan White
Membership Secretary:	Catriona Chaplin (and Webmaster)
Member:	Jean Irving
Member:	Gerry Montgomery
Member:	Mike Batty
Member:	Gisela Barnard (representing the Church)
10. Lena O'Dowd was **re-elected as Auditor** for 2015 and Dudley Hicks as assistant auditor.
11. **Any Other Business**
  1. The Statutes already allowed for "Other nationals with a strong British connection" to be members of the Club but non-British members must be in the minority.
  2. It was agreed after some discussion that cancellations for socials could be accepted up to 48 hrs before the event but thereafter a charge would have to be levied. This will be mentioned in the Newsletter relating to the booking details and in each social event invitation sent by email.
  3. The question whether guests would be given the same reductions as members was raised and it was agreed that it would be too difficult to differentiate between guests and members, also it was hoped that guests were potential members.
12. **The Chairman thanked** the Committee members for their hard work during the year and the meeting closed at 14.00.