

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH CLUB GOTHENBURG

Held at 13.00 hours on Saturday 20 February 2016
at Haga Östergatan 26 (J-E & S Andersson), Gothenburg

1. **The meeting was opened** at 13.05 by Sheila Andersson, Chair. The 17 members attending were warmly welcomed.
2. The AGM elected Sheila Andersson as Chair 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. The restriction of guests and discussion of a new location were added as subjects to be discussed under Any Other Business.
4. **The Minutes of the previous AGM** (28 Feb 2015) were read and approved.
5. **The Annual Report** from the Chair was read and approved and special thanks were given to John and Catriona Chaplin for their inspired leadership of many of the social evenings during the year.
6. a) **The Treasurer** presented his Statement as attached showing a deficit of approx. SEK 5,000 between the income and expenditure for the year. It was agreed that the SEK 50,000 from the Obligation Bond would be reinvested at the recommendation of the Committee. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the Meeting unanimously, proposed by Gerry Montgomery and seconded by Michael O'Dowd.
b) Membership fees for the year 2017: 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 Chair per se for sums up to SEK 30 000 but for an amount, above SEK 30 000, both signatories would be required. Alan had asked for this amount to be raised by SEK 10,000 for easier payment of the Poppy Appeal to the UK.
d) The Treasurer presented the result collected for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2015 which came to the sum of SEK 26 458 of which approx. one-third had been raised at Poppy Day Tea.
Items b and c were approved by the meeting. They were proposed by Jean Irving and seconded by June Abrahamsson.
7. **The Auditors' Report** was read 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 June Abrahamsson and seconded by Lena O'Dowd and approved by the AGM.
9. Sheila Andersson had another year to run as Chair. Alan and Monica agreed to stand one more year before retiring as Treasurer and Secretary. Stephanie Feldt was proposed as a new member of the Committee and the remaining members agreed to stand another year.
The Committee for 2016 is as follows:

Chair:	Sheila Andersson
Secretary:	Monica Edholm
Treasurer:	Alan White
Membership Secretary:	Catriona Chaplin (and Webmaster)
Member:	Jean Irving
Member:	Gerry Montgomery
Member:	Mike Batty
Member:	Stephanie Feldt
Member:	Gisela Barnard (representing the Church)
10. Lena O'Dowd and Dudley Hicks were **re-elected as Auditors** for 2016.
11. **Any Other Business**
 1. It was agreed that, for the Xmas Lunch, only places for members could be booked in the first instance. Starting from one month before the event, guest bookings could be considered.
 2. An alternative location providing catering and a bar was to be investigated. All suggestions welcomed: even changing the day from a Friday to mid-week to be considered. After the summer this new form of social should preferably be put into practice.
 3. Stephanie Feldt suggested that having a Facebook address could produce some younger members. She agreed to set it up.
12. **The Chair thanked** the Committee members for their hard work during the year and the meeting closed at 14.00.