

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

Held at 13.00 hours on Saturday 17 February 2018  
at Haga Östergatan 26 (J-E & S Andersson), Gothenburg

1. **The meeting was opened** at 13.05 by Sheila Andersson, Chair. The 20 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.
4. **The Minutes of the previous AGM** (25 Feb 2017) were read and approved.
5. **The Annual Report** from the Chair was read and approved.
6. a) **The Treasurer** reported the result for the year showed a deficit of approx. SEK 7,000 (SEK 2,000 less than 2016) of which SEK 4,300 came from the Christmas lunch and the rest caused by low attendance during the second half of the year. The Club had a capital of SEK 160,000 which should be invested but the present interest rates were so unfavourable that a suitable investment was hard to find.  
b) **Membership fee** for the year 2019: The AGM approved unanimously the Committee's proposal to maintain the present fees unless the situation demanded an increase, in which case such an increase should be no more than Kr50.  
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.  
d) Alan White presented the result collected for the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** for 2017 which came to SEK 27,393 of which approx. one-third had been raised at Poppy Day Tea.  
Items a, b, c and d were approved by the meeting.
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 Gwen Hedrén and seconded by Mike O'Dowd and approved by the AGM.
9. All members of the Committee agreed to stand for another year.  
**The Committee for 2018** is as follows:

Chair:	Sheila Andersson
Secretary:	Monica Edholm (Newsletter)
Treasurer:	Andy Hodgson
Membership Secretary:	Catriona Chaplin (Bookings and Webmaster)
Member:	Jean Irving
Member:	Alan White
Member:	Mike Batty
Member:	Stephanie Feldt (Facebook and Catering Manager)
Member:	Peter Martin
Member:	Gisela Barnard (representing the Church)
10. Lena O'Dowd, having served more than 15 years as Auditor, asked to step down. Dudley Hicks was **re-elected as Auditor** for 2018 and the assistant auditor needs to be elected but until this happens, Lena has kindly said she will act as the assistant. Sheila thanked her for all her devotion and hard work as Auditor to the Club.
11. **Any Other Business**
  1. The decrease in attendance was discussed and the fact that members are now asked to pay the fee for social evenings in advance by bankgiro was considered as a possible reason. Since 80% of the attendees do pay via bankgiro, it was suggested that it should be mentioned in the Newsletter that people, if necessary, could pay by Swish or cash at the door. The Committee would investigate these alternatives at their next meeting.
  2. The Committee was looking for other venues due to the lack of catering and the steep hill at the Drottning Kristina Jaktslott. Hopefully the lunchtime weekend social in April will be held at a restaurant in town. Jean reported her search for alternative venues, including Belparc, John Scott's and Yalla Yalla.
  3. Annette suggested that the Club should use some of its capital for social events. The Committee would continue to look for suitable placement for the Club's capital.
12. **The Chair thanked** the members of the Committee for their hard work during the year and the meeting closed at 14.00.