

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022-2023  
TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2023**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr Chris Woodrow	Chairman
Mr Mark Herbert	Membership Secretary
Mr Tariq Salman	Executive Secretary
Ali Aziz Al-Arayedh	Sports Member
Ms Lorraine Maginnis	Family Member

Apologies: Mr Graham Loader, Jon Davies, Jassim Hassan and James Watchorn

The quorum for the first call at 7pm and the second call at 7.15pm was not achieved. 49 members were present at 7.30pm and the meeting therefore commenced at 7.30pm. The representative from the Ministry of Social Development sent their apologies and gave approval for the meeting to go ahead and sent their wishes.

**ITEM 1 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2023**

The minutes of last year's meeting were approved.

Proposed: Mustapha Musa Awalhe (A1016)

Seconded: Tony Hughes (H0064)

**ITEM 2 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman summarised his report and made special thanks to the Club Manager and the staff.

**ITEM 3 REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

The Treasurer sent his apologies and asked the Deputy Treasurer, Mark Herbert, to read his report to the AGM attendees.

Grant Thornton Abdulaal as auditors confirmed that the financial statements and financial performance were in order.

**ITEM 4 APPROVAL OF OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR OCTOBER 2023 – SEPTEMBER 2024**

Proposed: Mustapha Musa Awalhe (A1016)

Seconded: Arjun Burman (A0275A)

**ITEM 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROPOSALS**

No Executive Committee proposals

**ITEM 6 MEMBERS' PROPOSALS**

No members' proposals

**ITEM 7 ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**7.1 Chairman**

There being no other nominee Chris Woodrow (W0298) was duly elected.

**7.2 Executive Secretary**

There being no other nominee Tariq Salman (S0124) was duly elected.

**7.3 Treasurer**

The Chairman thanked the outgoing Treasurer Graham Loader who was unable to continue in the role due to his employment moving out of Bahrain.

There being no other nominee James Watchorn (W0907) was duly elected.

**7.4 Membership Secretary**

There being no other nominee Mark Herbert (H0152) was duly elected.

**7.5 House Member (1)**

There being no other nominee Jon Davies (D0049) was duly elected.

**7.6 House Member (2)**

There being no other nominee Jassim Hassan (H0188) was duly elected.

**7.7. Entertainment Member**

There being no other nominee Mohamed Salih (S0153) was duly elected.

**7.8. Sports Member**

There being no other nominee Ali Aziz Al-Orrayedh (A0087A) was duly elected.

**7.9. Family Member**

There being no other nominee Lorraine Maginnis (M0214) was duly elected.

**7.10. General Duties Member**

There being no other nominee Iain Gardner (G1021) was duly elected.

**7.11. Deputy Chairman**

The Chairman explained that the Deputy Chairman could not be one of the three Senior Committee Executives – (Chairman, Executive Secretary & Treasurer) and recommended that Jon Davies (D0049) continued remained in the position of Deputy Chairman.

He was nominated by Tony Hughes (H0064) and seconded by Gurleen Arora (A0275) and he was duly elected as Deputy Chairman.

**ITEM 8                    APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

The appointment of Grant Thornton Abdulaal as Auditors was approved by the Assembly.

**ITEM 9                    ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Marika Wood (W0004) Asked for an explanation on why the revenue fell short of the budget. The Club Manager, Daniel McRae, replied that there were three main reasons:

1. Prices for goods and services increased in the region of 10-15% resulting in higher than anticipated costs for the club.
2. The food and drinks companies increased their prices. The majority of these increases we did not pass on to the members and took the hit as a business.
3. Membership, flat lined with no net gain so those leaving matched those joining.

Chris Dixon (D0119) Thanked the management and staff for all their hard work. He asked why the financial figures were not available prior to the AGM. The Chairman explained that they are and Jo Preocanin (Club Secretary) confirmed that they had been available in reception since 14 November 2023. It was noted that other methods, namely electronic, would be implemented for the next AGM.

Trevor Bish-Jones (B0119) asked what the plans were to increase membership. Mark Herbert advised that membership was increasing steadily and noted that in November alone membership increased by 4% but it was a challenge maintaining the ethos of the British Club with so many British leaving the Island.

Rob Dawson (D0053) Also thanked the management and staff for all their hard work. He commented that the Club describes itself as a family Club but he felt that with the tent not going up in the summer months that there was nowhere for families to go as a family. The Chairman replied that it would be investigated for next summer.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Chairman  
Chris Woodrow

Executive Secretary  
Tariq Salman

Honorary Treasurer  
James Watchorn