

Wenvoe



Pétanque Club

## WENVOE PÉTANQUE CLUB

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### MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30PM, AT THE FUNCTION ROOM,  
WENVOE ARMS

PRESENT: Mike Coleman (President/Chairman)  
Reg. Brice (Vice President)  
Robert Pugh (Secretary)  
Karen MacLeod (Treasurer)  
Dave Cannan (Club Captain)  
Tony Jellings  
Gloria Davies  
Gill French  
Robert Hayman  
Jane Hayman  
Laurent Mirbelle  
Charlie Schols  
Colin Michael  
Mel Davies  
Richard Mears  
Ken Aston  
Mike Jacques  
Roy Mountjoy  
Richard Mountjoy  
Eve Cornwell  
Windsor Hodgkinson

APOLOGIES: Rod Dobbins, Terry Lloyd

AGENDA: 1. Apologies  
2. WPA's rules around Club Affiliation  
3. Club's bid to host 2016 Celtic Challenge  
4. Any other business  
5. Close Ordinary Meeting

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from 2 members.

#### 2. WPA'S RULE AROUND CLUB AFFILIATION

Mike Coleman provided a brief overview of the situation surrounding the WPA's decision to enforce the rule all Club members must be WPA members for the Club to affiliate. He explained that the WPA had responded negatively to Bob's email to them about this matter and that, as a result, he had written to Tony Smith to ask if the WPA would consider postponing its enforcement for 12 months to allow Clubs to review their Constitutions. Unfortunately, this request was also refused.

Mike said, in his view, we had 3 options: to tell the WPA we were complying, but to retain a "social" membership without their knowledge (this was rejected as it was seen as dishonest), to comply fully, which would mean anyone who declined to join the WPA would not be able to be considered a member of the Club, or to reject the ruling completely and not affiliate.

Bob explained that the consequence of that would be the Club would not be able to enter the WPA League, or the Welsh Cup for Clubs, nor would it be able to host any WPA competitions. Bob also pointed out that last year the Club made in the region of £200 from holding raffles at WPA events it hosted, so this was a valuable revenue stream.

Rob Hayman suggested a fourth option could be to establish a new "social" club for people who didn't want to play competitively. This was, again rejected.

Bob explained that he had received numerous messages of support from other Clubs, some of which were in a similar situation to Wenvoe PC. Bob was aware that at least one of those had decided to comply and insist all their members became WPA members.

Mike Jacques proposed that the Club comply with the WPA rules and insist all Club members must be WPA members. This was seconded by Tony Jellings.

Votes For: 14, Votes Against: 1, Abstentions: 6.

This proposal was carried. 2 members said they would not join the WPA and one was considering his position. The remainder of people present for whom Bob did not already have WPA Membership renewal forms completed new Applications.

### **3. 2016 CELTIC CHALLENGE**

Given the uncertainty of the future of the Wenvoe Arms, it was decided that the Club was not in a position to confidently bid to host the 2016 Celtic Challenge.

### **4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

The Chairman closed the EGM at 09.15pm.

Minutes reported to be true:

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