

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

Held at 13.00 hours on Saturday 25 February 2017  
at Haga Östergatan 26 (J-E & S Andersson), Gothenburg

1. **The meeting was opened** at 13.05 by Sheila Andersson, Chair. The 16 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** (20 Feb 2016) were read and approved.
5. **The Annual Report** from the Chair was read and approved and special thanks were given to Alan for his hard work as Treasurer over the past years and to Gerry Montgomery who was stepping down as a member of the Committee.
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  - a) **The Treasurer** presented his Statement as attached, showing a deficit of approx. SEK 10,000 between the income and expenditure for the year. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the Meeting unanimously, proposed by Peter Martin and seconded by Jean Irving.
  - b) **Membership fee** for the year 2018: 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) The Treasurer presented the result collected for the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** for 2016 which came to the record sum of SEK 29,416 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 Keith Barnard and seconded by Stephanie Feldt.
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 Dudley Hicks and seconded by Gwen Hedrén and approved by the AGM.
9. Sheila Andersson agreed to stand for another two years as Chair. Alan White retired as Treasurer but agreed to remain on the Committee as an ordinary member. Monica will remain as Secretary and Editor but Catriona will take over the collection of bookings for the socials and Stephanie will be Catering Manager. Andy Hodgson was elected as Treasurer, proposed by Alan and seconded by Monica. Peter Martin was proposed as a new member of the Committee and the remaining members agreed to stand another year.  
**The Committee for 2017** is as follows:

Chair:	Sheila Andersson
Secretary:	Monica Edholm
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 and Dudley Hicks were **re-elected as Auditors** for 2017.
11. **Any Other Business**
  1. It was agreed that the Committee should send a letter of thanks to the English Shop for their excellent support of the Treasure Hunt and Poppy Day Tea.
  2. Andy suggested that the Club should retain the buffer of approx. SEK 150,000 and aim for the annual result to be zero rather than to be a deficit. This gave rise to some discussion and it was decided that the Committee should consider raising prices for the socials in preference to increasing the annual membership fee.
12. **The Chair thanked** the members of the Committee for their hard work during the year and the meeting closed at 13.45.