

# Kent Club

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting, held 24 March 2021 via Zoom.

**Present:**

Dudley Price (Chairman)

Richard Criddle (Secretary)

Daoud Himmo (Assistant Events Officer)

David Cole (committee member)

Seirios Kokkalis (Charity Steward)

Gary Beckwith

Richard Smithson

Angelo Zito

David Roberts-Jones

Stephen Schofield

David Thompson

George Kloosman

Graham Hamwijk

Martin Smith

Andrew Philips

Ron Cruikshank

James Squirrell

Geoff Watson

John Morrison

Paul Merryfellow

Chris Williams

Robert Lakic

Jay Tamsitt

Mark Gately

Peter Wood

Apologies: none received

The meeting was opened at 19:30 hrs.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Extraordinary General Meeting.

**1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 17 May, 2019**

Adoption of the minutes of the last AGM was proposed by Seirios Kokkalis, seconded by David Cole and unanimously approved by all present.

**2. Accounts for the years ending 31 December, 2018 and 31 December, 2019**

Matt Hampson gave a brief overview of the accounts and answered questions from the membership regarding the surplus (used to subsidise event ticket prices) and increased web-hosting costs (since moved to a cheaper provider). One of the account examiners, David Roberts-Jones, thanked Matt for the very clear records and recommended the accounts be approved. They were then proposed by Richard Criddle, seconded by Gary Beckwith and unanimously approved by all present.

**3. Report by the Chairman on the years 2019-2020**

The Chairman reviewed the many events held during the last 24 months, and observed that generally attendance was poor although there had been a marked uptick in attendance for those events held over Zoom. He talked about the recent membership survey that was carried out, and how the results have informed the type of events we hold. The Chairman went on to explain about the steps that have been taken to raise the Club's profile within the Met

leadership so that, for example, events can be cascaded within the Inspectorates. The Chairman briefly mentioned the monies raised for charity (a marathon run by the Charity Steward as well as donations to the charities represented by some of our speakers). Finally the Chairman paid tribute to the outgoing Events Officer, Ivor Macklin, and the sterling work done by the Assistant Events Officer Daoud Himmo.

Daoud Himmo, at this point, made a small presentation in the form of Berry Bros & Rudd vouchers to Dudley Price – the outgoing Chairman – on behalf of the Club committee in recognition of his service. Dudley Price was rendered speechless!

#### **4. Election of Chairman for 2021/22**

The nomination of Gary Beckwith as Chairman for the forthcoming year was proposed by Dudley Price, seconded by Richard Criddle and approved by all those present.

#### **5. Election of key Officers for the forthcoming year**

Gary Beckwith then proposed en bloc the following as the Club Officers:

Treasurer – James Squirrell  
Secretary – Richard Criddle  
Events Officer – Daoud Himmo  
Communications Officer – David Cole  
Charity Steward – Seirios Kokkalis  
Assistant Events Officer – Angelo Zito

The proposition was seconded by David Roberts-Jones and unanimously approved by all present.

#### **6. Appointment of a Club Steward**

The Chairman appointed Jay Tamsitt as a Club Steward

#### **7. Confirmation of Signatories to the Bank Account**

At the 2018 AGM it was agreed that, going forward, it should be roles (rather than individuals) who are signatories. On that basis, Richard Criddle proposed that the Treasurer, Secretary and the Immediate Past Treasurer be made signatories. This was seconded by David Roberts-Jones and unanimously approved.

#### **8. Election of Two Account Examiners**

The nomination of David Roberts-Jones and Matthew Hampson was unanimously accepted.

#### **9. AOB**

No other business was raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and the meeting was closed at 19:50 hrs.