

Minutes of PHCC EGM held on 4th Feb 2013

1.1 Chairman's welcome, attendance and approval of minutes

- 1.1 The meeting was attended by 44 members of the club. Apologies were received from Stephanie Roberts, Peter Hobby, Lyn Francis and Adam Keenan.
- 1.2 Frazer chaired the meeting and presented the reasons for forming a CIO. Prior to the meeting a simple guide to becoming a CIO together with the draft constitution and revised rules had been circulated by email to all club members.
- 1.3 Helen has looked at the financial aspects of a CIO and Sally Crawford the legal aspects.
- 1.4 The formation of a CIO will give us official recognition of the fact that we are a volunteer organisation. The greatest advantage the CIO offers us is that it should make it easier to succeed in receiving grant funding. A charity shows we act for the public good, incorporation will mean we become a body in our own right and divorces the members and the committee from the liabilities of the club

1.2 Q and A

- 1.5 It was queried whether the club could now claim tax back on subscriptions. Helena clarified that we couldn't. The financial benefits of a CIO are not very different from our current setup. One difference is the ability to claim gift aid on any donations to the club. There is no financial cost in changing to a CIO.
- 1.6 It was asked who would be the trustees and how long would they serve. The whole committee will be trustees, the trustee role is similar to a committee member role but includes statutory duties. Length of service is laid out in clause 13 and 16 of the draft constitution
- 1.7 There is some increase in workload as better record keeping and financial records are needed.
- 1.8 Personal negligence is not removed by a CIO. This is covered by our club insurance.
- 1.9 Converting to a CIO is a one way process, changing back to non-charitable status would require giving our funds to another charity.
- 1.10 Objects of the CIO were queried and explained.
- 1.11 Life membership under the new CIO was queried. Any future proposals about this can be made at the next AGM

1.3 Premises update

- 1.12 Bill Jaggs gave an update of planning progress. Natural England have opposed our planning application so we have asked for a deferment of the final council decision until we have had a chance to negotiate with Natural England
- 1.13 The funding from Sport England is assured provided we finish the boathouse by the end of the year. Poole council have assured us of their support but progress is slow.
- 1.14 A vote of thanks was expressed to the premises committee for their efforts in securing the future of the club.

1.4 Proposals

- 1.15 The following items were proposed and voted on by the club members
 - To apply to the charity commissioners to form a CIO.
 - That the initial trustees named in the application for a CIO will, if willing, be the current elected committee members of PHCC. An election will be held at the meeting if required to replace any committee members who are unwilling to become trustees.
 - To adopt the constitution of the CIO in accordance with the draft attached subject to amendments that may be agreed by the members at the meeting or required by the charity commissioners.
 - To adopt as Rules the revised rules in accordance with draft attached.
 - If the application for a CIO is successful, then immediately after formation of the CIO to transfer to the CIO the assets, undertakings and liabilities of PHCC. As soon as a CIO is formed, to invite all paid up members of PHCC on that date to apply for membership of the new CIO, and to guarantee that all such members will be accepted into the new CIO subject to their acceptance of the new constitution and revised club rules hereby agreed by the members.
 - To call a general meeting of the CIO in September or October at which all the initial trustees shall resign and appointment of new or reappointed trustees shall take place.
- Adoption of the revised rules was agreed by the majority; all other proposals were unanimously agreed.

1.5 Election

- 1.16 Peter Hobby, Adam Keenan and Jenni Dennett after serving on the committee for some time stood down. Frazer thanked them for all the work they have done over the last few years, they have all given their time and effort very generously. Jenni; the guiding force as chairman over the last few years was presented with a gift to show the clubs appreciation.
- 1.17 The remaining members of the committee stood again and as trustees for the new CIO, Frazer Ely stood as Chairman, Andy Coomes as Secretary, John Wheeler as training officer, Nick Boyle as QM, Paul Levett as junior coordinator, Helena Urban as Treasurer, Peter Cooper as welfare officer, Helen Conyers and Keith Ashman as general members. Two new members, Cheyne Marley and Matt Robbins, stood as new general members of the committee. All the above were elected

The meeting closed.