



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
9th December 2025
at 7pm held at The Royal Oak.

Present: Kevin Armitt, Keith Wildgoose, Stuart Fenton, Peter Rose, Tony Rich, Dennis Starkey, Chris Hassall, Peter Sheldon, Colin Davies, Gareth Wood, Mark Quinell, Stewart Higgins, Dave Higgins, Mark Knight, Craig Southwick, Keith Hollins, Dennis O'Dea, Paul Till, Andy Hollyhead, Peter Mc Dermot, Kevin Masefield,

Apologies for absence: Ian Colclough, Ade Micklewright, Brant Williams, Mike Dunning, Jon Harber, Michael Diamond, Gary Williams, Stewart Fletcher, Richard Nightingale, Graham Russell, Diccon Du Pre, Dave Evans, Micael Morris, Ian Mannion, Andy Wilson.

Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on the 4th December 2024:

It was proposed by Peter Rose and seconded by Keith Wildgoose that the Minutes of the 4/12/2024 meeting are a true record. They were approved by all members present and subsequently will be signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising that had not already been dealt with in the General Committee meetings and reported in those minutes

Opening of meeting.

I would like to thank you all for coming along to our AGM for 2025, and a warm welcome to you all.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We have had a very successful year having refurbished the snooker tables and increased the membership over the last 12 months, and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new members.

The increased membership has resulted in the club sessions being well attended and more private sessions being booked, making this a very well supported and successful club, something we have been striving to achieve for many years.

I'm also pleased to say that the reduced Patron fee introduced this financial year has been taken up by many members and has reduced the administration burden for the club.

Obviously, with the club being more successful and the membership increasing this causes added work for committee members and others, and I would like to thank the following people for their support over the last 12 months:

All the committee members: Peter Rose, Tony Rich, Kevin Armitt, Dennis Starkey, Peter Sheldon, Gareth Wood, and Paul Till. Their work, suggestions and guidance throughout the year has made it easier to run the club.

I would like to give a special thanks to the following members:

Peter Rose for arranging this AGM/Social evening, and for all his general administration work throughout the last year.

Tony Rich for maintaining our finances and his work on introducing the new Patron fee subscriptions which started this financial year. Tony had his own personal health problems at the beginning of this year but still continued to maintain our finances and support the club, so thank you Tony from myself and on behalf of the membership.

Dennis Starkey for maintaining the tables and his wife Lynette for cleaning the room for us, but sadly, Dennis & Lynette are stepping down from these roles after Christmas. Thanks again Dennis and Lynette, you have done a fantastic job for many years and you will be difficult to replace.

Kevin and Tony for arranging the competitions, which have been a great success due to their continued commitment to making them run as smoothly as possible.

I would also like to thank Lynne O'Dea on behalf of the club for auditing the financial accounts for us, which I hope will get easier over the coming years due to the introduction of Patron fees for the majority of members.

Finally, I would like to say what a privilege it has been to have the opportunity to serve this club as Chairman for the last 5 years. I wish to thank all the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve in this position and for all the support I have received over the last 5 years. I'm sure without this support the club would not be as successful as it is today.

Kind regards,
Keith Wildgoose - Chairman

Secretary's Report:

Nothing of note.

Membership:

At our last AGM, I reported a membership of 45. Since then, we have welcomed nine new members (please wave!): Stewart Higgins, Keith Hollins, Andy Hollyhead, Ian Mannion & Craig Southwick. Plus Diccon Du Pre, Warren Summerfield, Andy Wilson & Tom Richards.

However, for a variety of personal reasons, seven members have not renewed for the coming year: Tom Allanson-Smith, John Baker, Neil Crawley, Paul Harris, James McCullagh (not John!), Bob Shalts & Keith Sullivan. We thank all departing members for their support during their time with the Club, with particular thanks to Bob Shalts who has been a regular player for many years.

In addition, we had Brian Chapman briefly join but has not renewed.

So, nine in and seven out means that the Club now has a membership of 47. And early evidence suggests that the new members will play far more frequently than the outgoing ones did. I am also delighted to report that most members have taken up annual membership, with only four members opting to stay on a pay-as-you-play basis. So, other than these four, you no longer need to complete the frame fee book other than for any guests you may invite.

New membership has now been re-opened to allow non-residents of Kings Bromley to apply.

Peter Rose - Secretary

Treasurers report and and presentation of accounts

If you have sight of a copy of the accounts, I will briefly run through the key items:

Subscriptions: £725.00 & Table fees: £2,643.50.

As the number of Members switching to Patrons increases, it is best to look at these two items together. In total these items have reduced by £172.50. The majority of this was due to guest fees dropping by £135 with the remainder being due to the full year impact of Patron fees reducing from £150 to £125 part way through the prior year. I believe the main reason for the former is that many of the guests have now become members.

Club Night Food: £0 & Key Deposits: £0.

Key deposits have become irrelevant since the introduction of the key box and clearly, with the recent Committee decision to ban food in the clubroom, this line will be redundant going forward too.

Interest: £209.84.

The receipt of membership and patron fees at the beginning of the year took Club funds over £10,000 and this allowed us to take advantage of a higher rate savings account producing a better interest return

than the prior year. However, having now paid for the refurbishment of the tables, we are now back on the lower interest rate, so it is likely to be a one year only benefit.

So, our total income for the year was £3,578.

On the expenditure side we have:

Room Rental: £2,200.

As reported last year, our monthly room rental charge of £150 increased to £200 from January 2025. The Village Hall have held it at this amount for 2026. As always, we extend our thanks to the Village Hall Committee for their continued support.

AGM Costs: £243.10.

This represents the cost of food and a drink for all attendees and the Committee continue to feel that holding the AGM here works well.

Equipment & Repairs: £453.79.

The majority of this cost relates to the replacement of the table iron which finally wore out after many years of use. You will see that we have transferred £600 to a “Repairs Reserve” to build up a specific kitty for the recovering of the tables, which happened recently. Costs are generally kept to a minimum as Keith does quite a lot generally in keeping the snooker room in good working order. So, many thanks, Keith. It is much appreciated.

Trophies and Engraving: £0.

The Committee feel that the engraving of trophies is no longer necessary as we have a full history of competition winners on display in the clubroom.

Bank Charges: £25.50.

Banks being banks, having given us the opportunity to earn interest on our deposit account, they have introduced an admin charge on the current account!

Sundry: £49.23. Mainly frame fee books, which should almost disappear with the move to annual payments in 25/26, and the occasional gift of thanks and condolences.

So, total expenditure of £2,972, which leaves us with a surplus for the year of just £6.72 after the allocation of £600 to the Repairs Reserve.

So, in conclusion, another year where we have provided a very affordable snooker offer to members and their guests and put aside an amount for recovering tables.

Our total funds at the year end came to £9,976.

That concludes my run through and, following any questions there may be, I submit these accounts for approval and acceptance by the members.

Tony Rich
Honorary Treasurer

Acceptance of the accounts:

It was proposed by Tony Rich and seconded by Keith Wildgoose and all members present agreed to accept the accounts as a true record.

Constitution change - That the deadline for payment of annual fees be brought forward from 31st October to 30th September. Proposed by Tony Rich , Seconded by Keith Wildgoose. All members present agreed to the change.

Election of officers. Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary:

Nominations Received: Tony Rich - Chairman, Ian Colclough - Treasurer and P Rose - Secretary.

The Chairman asked the members present if there are any other nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations it was proposed by Paul Till and seconded by Colin Davies that, Tony Rich as Chairman, Ian Colclough as Treasurer and Peter Rose as Secretary, be nominated.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

Election of General Committee members:

Nominations Received, K Armitt, D Starkey, Peter Sheldon, Paul Till, Gareth Wood, and Michael Morris

The Chairman asked the members present if there are any other nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations it was proposed by Keith Wildgoose and seconded by Peter Rose that,

Kevin Armitt ,Dennis Starkey and Peter Sheldon Paul Till, Gareth Wood and Michael Morris, be nominated as general Committee members. All members present voted in favour of the motion.

Discussion took place around the make up of officers and where they reside. There was a feeling from members present that at least the Chairman and one of the officers should reside in the Village. It was also felt that a majority of committee members should be from within the Village. It was agreed to take this discussion to the next committee meeting. It would then be put forward for a vote at the next AGM under change in constitution.

Appointment of Auditor:

Nomination Received: Lynne O Dea.

It was proposed by Tony Rich and seconded by Keith Wildgoose, that Lynne O Dea be appointed as Auditor. All members present voted in favour of the motion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.44pm

Peter Rose - Secretary

