

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 1982

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MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) Mr Tully to choose and receive his tankard.
- 2) More people to be encouraged to join the side.
- 3) The Bagman to produce a Hammersmith broadsheet.
- 4) A Ladies Night to be held during the year.
- 5) Hammersmith Morris to perform some Epic event. to be organised by Mr. Potts.
- 6) Ex-members wishing to dance shall only do so at the discretion of the Officers.
- 7) Future discussion of kit at A.G.M.s must be accompanied by samples and costs.
- 8) Two new melodeons to be purchased.
- 9) A Hammersmith Instructional to be organised.
- 10) £100 to be donated to the Endeavour Club.
- 11) Future A.G.M.s to be held over two evenings. starting on a monday.
Alternative premises to be investigated for this purpose.
A barrel of beer to be arranged if on unlicensed premises.

HAMMERSMITH MORRIS MEN

Minutes of the annual general meeting held on tuesday 12th october 1982, at the clarendon.

Chairmen messrs priar and brown (squires) secertary mr tovey (bagsman)
on the commnttee messrs austin (treasurer) and potts (foreman)

1. Apologises for absence were received from messrs, offord walmsley and tully.
Apologises for lateness were received from messrs, hawkins and moore.

2. Mr brown read the minutes of the 1981 A.G.M.

3. Matters arising from the 1981 A.G.M. Mr owen asked for a definition of who could vote. It was agreed that members who had been paid up for 6 months could vote. Mr owen asked why minutes had not been published, mr brown made an apology and said that he had forgotten about it.

Mr owen proposd that mr brown be should be thrown in the river thames twice, the second time in dry kit, this was defeated.

Mr toveg pointed out that the last A.G.M. took two evening and time was pressing on. And that we should get with the business. This was seconded at some length by mr owen.

Mr deledesma pointed out that mr tully had not received his tankard which was voted to him during the last A.G.M.

Mr brown replied that mr tully had ~~not~~ not chosen the tankard that he wanted.

Mr cejer asked who could vote. Mr rowlands asked for clarification about voteing and discussion.

Mr brown replied that non_voters talk and put motion.

Mr devlin asked why the kitmen had not obtained a collection kit as per the 1982 A.G.M.

Mr mullin (kitmen) replied that it was not decided by the last A.G.M. what a collectores kit should be and so he had not been able to produce one.

Mr owen asked if minutes were not going to be published, why we should bothered taking them. Mr devlin seconded this.

4. Mr barford proposed that the minutes should be accepted, but that further discussion about action not taken since the last A.G.M. should be deferred to point 13, any other busine business. This motion was passed.

Mr deledesma proposd that a a mark of respect to the officers, that they should each be given a vase of flowers, this was acted upon.

5. Squires report. Mr prior (squire) thanked mr brown for taking over as squire after his accident. But that due to that accident he could not give a full report.

However looking back over the 1981/82 season he thought he could see a definete improvement in the standard of dancing and attitude to kit indeed that members of one public had commented on that improved kit.

As regard to number 10 men had left the side, but 4 had joined .

Mr prior finished by saying thanks to the side for allowing him to heal up.

Mr peters added that it was nice to see mr prior back.

Mr brown continued with the squires report.

He thanked everyone who had gone to letterkenny for a good time and helping especially, by given to all events members sexual powers.

Mr brown continued by saying that a large number of men were keen at the beginning of the season, but not so at the end.

At the end of the season side was down byto 8 men at events. But he would hope for a better attendence during the next season. He thanked the side for there effects which he thought were due to a charge in attitude.

Mr owen asked who the two bagmen were.

6. Bagmen's report.

Mr tovey said that he was giving to stand up, as this would be the last chance that he would have to talk down to the siad. He said that his aim during the season had been to arrange events that would give enjogable dancing, ~~wa=~~ with as many members attending as possible and so to give a reasonable financial ~~tr=~~ return. With this he tried to mix the old with the new events. He added that the problem of low attendance still existed, but that rather than try to penalise members for ~~nowe~~ attendance enlargement of the side might in the long be improve. He suggested that next year's bagmen should increase the fee to £50 as this appeared to be the amount being charged.

7 Foremen report.

Mr potts (foremen) reported that the standard of dancing was more important than the number of ~~dance=~~ dances.

8 Treasurer's Report.

Mr austin treasurer apologised for not published a report of accounts, and for not having completed the accounts, by that debts now have totalled £177, and that bags have totalled £590 £600 less tours.

Mr deledesma offered to aid in the final accounts.

~~The name of the debtors were read out~~

Mr owen asked why the accounts were not ready and who are the sides debtors.

The name of the debtors were read out. Mr owen asked if the debtors balanced.

Mr astin replied that he had ran out of time.

Mr deledesma suggested that the figures should not be put and proposed that all finacecs should be left to another time.

Mr owen suggested that the accounts should be written off.

Mr austin objected and insited that he should be allowed to give the accounts.

Mr tovey agreed that it was a dillicult job, but that adequate time had been given, and that the imcompleted accounts were due to mr austin over ambition.

Mr austin said that he would perferred to delay the A.G.M. and that he wanted to montion stadard. Mr tovey said that past accounts had not be right.

Mr devlin saked if all the debtors had been ~~infrm~~ informed.

Mr austin replied, all except mr woodland. Mr potts proposed that the finances be held in obeysance for two weeks, to let mr austin present the accounts at an ordinary meeting. this was seconded by mr tovey.

Mr deledema siad that there should be a treasurer's report of account at an A.G.M.

Mr owen said that he didn't give an arboreal dwelling private's evacuation of the souels how good the treasurer was, but that future account is debit and credit account. Then there would be no excuse for not presenting account't. Mr devlin seconded this.

Mr tovey said that it was up to the treasurer to work to his own methods.

Mr owen said that he agreed ~~with~~ with mr tovey, but that account's must be given.

Mr rowlands asked if the hammersmith morris men needed to give account's as though they were a multinational.

Mr brown pointed out that the form of the treasurer report was the resposisbility of the treasurer.

Mr prior suggested point that should be discussed.

Mr dedic said that it should be up to the treasurer.

It was agreed to delay the treasurer's report for two weeks.

9. Kitman's report.

Mr mullin (kitman) reported that a supply of ribbon had be obtained, and that kit had be improved.

10. Archivist's report.

Mr tully (archivist) was absent. Hi ~~wti~~ written report was that the archives needed members to the side to present material in addition to photograph.

11. Election of officers,

11.1 Election of squire.

Mr tully was proposed by mr deledema and seconded by mr drew. Mr brown was proposed, but was not willing to stand. Mr tully was elected and opposed.

11.2 Election of bagman.

Mr peters was proposed by mr tovey and seconded by mr hawkins.

Mr deledema was proposed by mr dedic.

Mr deledema was only prepared to stand on condition that only london side could be invited an fullers tours.

Mr dedic said it was wrong to allow anyone to stand on condition.

Mr owen suggested that there should be a separate vote on other side on fullers tours.

Mr potts said it was done to take a post conditionally, but should be allowed to state poling to side and should decide by voting for him.

Mr rowlandas was proposed by mr tovey and seconded by mr potts.

Mr owen said that although fullers tours had ~~been~~ been done in the past, but poling should be up to new officers. Mr tovey said that the fullers tours allowed a room, but would be difficult to get fullers to agreed.

Mr prior suggested that fullers tours were up to the bagman.

Mr mullin ~~said~~ said that mr deledema should stand if accept a poling statement.

Mr devlin said that we should not give candidates speeches as this had not happened in the past. Mr peters was elected bagman.

11.3. Election of foreman.

Mr drew was proposed by mr tovey and seconded by mr potts.

Mr potts was proposed by mr tovey and seconded by mr dedic.

Mr deledema was proposed by mr hawkins but was not prepared to stand.

Mr drew was elected.

11.4. Election of treasurer.

Mr tovey suggested that the treasurer's election should be delayed, this was seconded

by mr owen. Mr austin said that he would prefer not to be present during any discussion.

Mr owen said mr austin should not withdraw. It was agreed that the election of the treasurer should be delayed.

11.5. Election of bag kitman.

Mr mullin was proposed by mr owen and seconded by mr tovey.

Mr reynolds was proposed by mr devlin and seconded by mr barford.

Mr barford was proposed by mr mr potts but was not prepared to stand.

Mr devlin was proposed by mr hawkins and was seconded by mr brown.

Mr owen said that at the last election of squire a method of voting was used.

He proposed this. Mr tovey suggested a straight vote. this was accepted.

Mr mullin was elected kitman.

11.6. Election of archivist.

Mr tully was proposed by mr tovey and seconded by mr deledema.

Mr tully was elected un opposed.

Motion received.

Mr brown proposed that discussion on motion should be limited to 5 minutes.

This was seconded by mr rowlands. Mr owen suggested that mr prior was inebriated as a rat.

Mr tovey proposed that an B.G.M. might be needed. This was seconded by mr owen and carried.

12.1. Mr tovey proposed that there should be a set poling to encourage

Mr fifler asked how many members we should have.

Mr tovey suggested that individual members should be the people to ask there friends and acquaintance to join, rather than put it to public request.

Mr tovey proposed that we try and get more people.

Mr owen suggested that more enthusiasm was needed from present members.

It was agreed that more people were needed.

12.2. Mr potts suggested that braces brown or off white, should be adopted. Mr austin said that they may be available in hammersmith colors. Mr rowland said that shirts could be used successfully instead of braces. Mr tovey objected vehemently to braces and said they would look dreadful. Mr owen suggested that velcroy was not acceptable. Discussion was postponed for two weeks. Mr owen said that all unfinished business be postponed for two weeks, this was seconded by mr brown and carried.

12.3. It was accepted that a broadsheet should be produced to let everyone know when the hammersmith men are dancing, plus information and who to contact. It was accepted that the bagman be asked to produce this.

12.4. It was proposed by messers potts and prior that we should run a ladies night irrespective of money been available. This was seconded by mr barford and was carried.

12.5. Mr deledesma suggested that other sides be invited to fullers tours. Mr barford said that we do the dancing and get a room for practice nights. Mr tovey agreed that we should dance with other sides, but not on fullers tours. Mr tovey agreed with the previous three speakers, but that fullers tours were really griffin tours and that griffin were limited to a small number of pubs. The fullers would rather have london pride as their dancers. Mr prior proposed that the discussion should be continued under any other business. This was seconded by mr hawkins and carried. The meeting was postponed until tuesday 26th october 1982.

Annual general meeting continued.

Apologies for absence were received from mr brown (squire) Mr moore apologised ~~for~~ for being late, (again).

8.1. Treasurer's report.

Mr austin (treasurer) presented the state of accounts. The main point being the outstanding debts of members.

Mr tovey asked why mr shaw was a bad debt.

Mr austin replied that as mr shaw was abroad it would be difficult to contact him.

Mr tovey asked mr shaw was to be contacted. Mr austin replied that it would be up to the next treasurer. Mr owen said that he was worried about the statement of accounts, that he like to pay in advance, but why were so many members in credit.

Also why was money in credit not held in a deposit account. He felt being in credit was appalling. Mr deledesma asked the committee against the knowledge of the side why kit money was held separately by mr mullin and should not be allowed, and why mr devlin argued money for letterkenny.

Mr tovey replied that delegation was the responsibility of the officers and did mr deledesma disagree with the treasurer report. Mr tovey continued saying that letterkenny was not an official hammersmith tour and that travel arrangements have always been the responsibility of individual members.

Mr owen said that loan should be the responsibility of the officers.

The officers replied that this was the case.

Mr walmsley asked why he had only now found out he owed money for kit, but why was this.

Mr austin replied that as mr walmsley had received kit he owed money for it.

Mr mullin apologises, but said that if people did not tell him how much kit they had received they were then charge for the full amount.

Mr austin admitted he might be giving of misjudgement, but still thought, mr mullin should look after kit money.

This did not mean that the treasurer was still not responsible.

11.4. Election of treasurer.

Mr deledema was proposed by mr tovey and seconded by mr tully.
Mr owen was proposed by mr dedice and was seconded by mr dedice rowlands.
Mr tovey was proposed by mr peters and seconded by mr walmsley.
Mr austin was proposed by mr mullins and seconded by mr potts.
Mr mullin was proposed by mr tovey and seconded by ~~by~~mr devlin.
Messers deledema, owen and mullin were not prepared to stand.
Mr tully described mr deledema as a masturbator.

12. Motion received.

12.8. Mr potts pointed out that the side had not done any big events since the london to brighton marathon. He then described the last marathon, for the benefit of new members Mr potts proposed a ling weekend processing around as traditral side have done in the past. (and stilldo)

Mr prior expressed interest in joining the official london mazathon.
Mr deledesma said anything we did would need to be well planned.
Mr potts added that we may not qualift for the london marathon.
Mr argnold said that 26 miles was not enough.
Mr owen said that we should put if to a vote and that someone should take resposssibility.
The event would be called ~~of~~ the hammersmith epic'

The motion was carried. Mr devlin taking resposibility for coordinating the event.

13. Any other business.

Items were asked for under any other business. The following were received.

13.1. Mr owen would like to know the official poling of members of under 12 months ~~the~~ standing being to dance, seconded by mr barford.

13.2. Mr devlin proposed that furture discussion on kit must be accompanied by where materials are available and their cost. Seconded by mr potts.

13.4. Mr tovey proposed that money be voted for melodeous, this was seconded by mr potts.

13.5. Mr austin asked if anything had been arranged for the last practice night before christmas.

13.5. Mr austin wished to give imformation regarding kit.

13.6. Mr deledesma proposed that the treasurer should be mandated to have all money under his control.

13.7. Mr tovey proposed that we should have a 25th anniversary event orgernised by the committee. Seconded by mr owen.

13.8. Mr drew proposed that futuer A.G.M. should be over two nights.
This was seconded by mr devlin.

13.9. Mr owen proposed that we should get a berrel of beer for the next A.G.M.

13.10. Mr owen proposed that an instructional should be orgernised.
This was seconded by mr tovey.

13.11. Mr tovey proposed that 50 pounds should be dovoted th the endeaour club.
This was seconded by mr hawkins.

13.1. Mr owen asked why members could not go to letterkenny without attending three practice nights. Mr potts said that there was no way to stop ex members dancing. Mr tully said that originally there was not enough members giving so that ex members were asked to letterkenny, but that there dancing was up to discretion of the squire of the day.

Mr toomey said that problem of letterkenny was the responsibility of the officers.

Mr toomey said that letterkenny was not an official event.

Mr toomey said that for any events the officers should keep a tight rein and vet who goes.

Mr walmsley said that if we are invited back to letterkenny that the dancing standard should improve. And that although he had given his name from the first, yet he has only now found out that the events was unofficial.

Mr dedick said that before any exmember attended any prestigious booking should be made to show ability before going.

Mr toomey proposed that exmember wishing to dance should be at the discretion of the officer. This was seconded by mr dedick and carried.

13.2. Mr devlin's proposal was carried.

13.3. Mr toomey proposal was carried, the amount being estimated at \$188.

13.4. This item was passed over due to the absence of mr austin.

13.5. Discussion delayed.

13.6. Mr potts said that the officers are elected to their posts, and should be left to carry out their duties at their own discretion. This proposal was withdrawn.

13.7. Mr owen said that he was prepared to ornish an instructal. the motion was carried.

13.8. Mr austin stated that the verbosity of certain members was in inverse proportion to the importance of the subject under discussion.

Mr dedick said that if two nights were set aside for the A.G.M., then it would take three nights. Mr barford suggested that alternative premises should be found.

Mr toomey proposed that the officers should look into the matter of holding the events next A.G.M. at alternative premises provided and that it should start on a monday, and continued over two days. This was seconded by mr owen and carried.

13.9. This motion withdrawn as incorporated into 13.8.

13.10. Mr moore asked about difficulty of accommodation.

Mr owen said that side should get on with holding an instructal.

This motion was carried.

13.11. Mr deledesma said that last year £100 was given to the endeavour club?

Mr toomey said that this could be given by the next A.G.M. Mr prior said that a minimum of £100 should be given. This was accepted by mr toomey. The motion was carried.

13.5. Mr austin stated that white braces could be obtained for \$3.75, and for \$5 £1.50.

13.12. Mr toomey asked the bagman what is the polling of the side toward annual subscription. Mr potts said that the annual subscription was £1 and subject to A.G.M. or E.G.M.