Stourbridge Old Edwardian Club

Minutes of the 127th Annual General Meeting Held at the Club

on Monday 2nd December 2024 at 8pm

1. **Apologies:** Jessica and William Barclay, John Brown, David Burrows, Lowell Cartwright, Ron Clements, Malcolm Fazey, David Johnson, Denis Lees, Ken Meredith, Robin Morrison, Mark Ryan, and Graham Wood.
2. **Act of Remembrance**: President Clive Bowen-Davies recorded with regret those present and past members known to have passed away during the period since the previous AGM, namely: **Past President** Paul Davies; **Others**: Chris Poole. A silence was observed.
3. **Minutes of the last Meeting**: The minutes of the last AGM held on Monday 4th December 2023 had been made available for more than 1 week and it was agreed they should be taken as read.
4. **Matters arising**: Membership Secretary Andrew Taplin explained that a new flag has been commissioned and now almost ready to fly – with the Club Logo. It was decided not to produce a Black Country flag as suggested at the last AGM and to keep the branding as the Club's identity.
5. **Annual Report and Financial Statement**: The Annual report and Financial Statement as circulated to all members were tabled and duly accepted. We ended with a surplus and the club is in a healthy position. Clive proposed thanks to David Burrows for a job well done.
   Proposer: Martyn Price Seconder: Rob Hill
6. **Appointment of President for the ensuing year**: The retiring President Clive Bowen-Davies thanked the committee for their help and all the subcommittee chairmen for assistance in managing the running of the Club. He then duly passed the presidency and "chain" to Arnold Homer who he introduced as a renowned speaker, has the freedom of the City of London, an author and lecturer on tax and revenue law, known for literary ramblings.
   Alf Edwards was announced as the next Vice President.
7. **Appointment of Officers and Committee:** The new President announced the nominations for appointment as Officers and nominations in respect of General Committee vacancies. All had been proposed and seconded and visible on the notice board for more than 7 days before the meeting. Andrew Taplin was re-nominated to the post of Honorary Membership Secretary; David Burrows as the returning Honorary Treasurer and Alan Roden as the returning Honorary Secretary. Mike Aston, John Farmer and David Trewin retired from the Committee by rotation. Alf Edwards additionally had been coopted onto the General Committee in early 2024 and was now formally nominated as a Committee member. No other nominations had been received for Officer positions nor Committee members and hence no ballot was required. All nominees were duly appointed. There are still 2 vacancies on the Committee.
8. **Appointment of Honorary Auditor:** Messrs Folkes Worton LLP, Chartered Accountants were appointed as Honorary Auditor for the period ending on the date of the next annual general meeting at which accounts are presented to the Club.
   Proposer: David Perry Seconder: Jem Norris

9. **Appointment of Honorary Solicitor:** For many years Peter Waldron fulfilled this role. Peter has sadly not enjoyed good health recently and has now retired from active work.
   The accepted approach was that we leave the position vacant on the basis we can consult an appropriate person of expertise as needed.
10. **Subsequent Discussion:** Arnold Homer thanked the committee and especially Clive Bowen-Davies on his leadership. Arnold Homer was honoured to be asked and promised some literary ramblings.
11. **Vote of thanks:** Clive Bowen-Davies thanked Arnold Homer for taking on the position. Past President Peter Cartwright then thanked the outgoing president and Committee. He said it is still a unique club with good financial status. He thanked Clive Bowen-Davies for his management of the 50-club lottery and a round of applause was given.
12. **Other business:** None other than as covered above.
13. **Close of meeting:** New President Arnold Homer thanked members for their attendance and thoughts and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

…… **Arnold Homer 2042-2025 President**

ATTENDANCE LIST

PRINT NAME	Signature
ALAN RODEN	
PETER CARTWRIGHT	
ARNOLD HOMER.	
C. BOWEN-DAVIES	
STEWART BARCLAY	
ANDREW TAPLIN	
ALASTAIR NORMAN	
BARRY WHEELER.	
ALF EDWARDS	
MARTYN PRICE	
GARTH WOOLDRIDGE	
BRIAN ARCH	
JEM NORRIS.	
DAVID PERRY	
NIVEN MACLINSON	
MIKE ASTON	
Roger Stephenson	
KENNETH WRIGHT	
ROGER HADLEY.	

PRINT NAME	Signature
ROB HILL	
DAVID TREWIN	