



## **CLASP Annual General Meeting 7:00pm, 22nd September 2014, Harpole Bowls Club**

1) Welcome:

Taking the chair in the absence of Alan Watson, Nick Adams welcomed all those present.

2) Apologies:

Alan Watson, Sandra Deacon, Angela Evans, Tony Kesten, Hilary Callow.

3) Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the previous year's AGM (10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2013) were proposed by GH, seconded by DH, and unanimously approved.

4) Matters Arising:

None.

5) Chairman's Report:

Nick Adams read out Alan Watson's report as included in the draft Annual Report.

6) Treasurer's Report:

- a) The details of last year's accounts are contained in the draft Annual Report, and have been formally examined and approved in the usual manner.
- b) Agreed that annual membership fees will remain for the present at the same level (£10).
- c) The Trustees propose to introduce a system of setting budgets for expected future expenditure, to enable better forecasting of future expense, and to support and assist targeted fund-raising.

7) Adoption of draft Annual Report:

- a) The Trustees, having read through the draft report, and having approved it as complete and correct in content, recommended it to the meeting.
- b) The draft report was formally adopted by unanimous vote.
- c) The Trustees wish to consider the possibility in future years of combining the CLASP August Newsletter and CLASP Annual Report into a single document, as this would simplify and reduce the effort involved in producing these two documents. This proposal was put to the meeting (proposed GH, seconded SY), and unanimously agreed.

8) Appointment of Trustees:

- a) Nominations have been proposed, seconded and submitted for Sandra Deacon, Angela



Evans, Alan Watson, Dave Hayward, Stephen Young, Gren Hatton and Tony Kesten. Nick Adams is standing down from the Trustees due to other commitments.

- b) The nominees were proposed by Tony Harrison, seconded by Gina Boreham, voted en bloc, and unanimously accepted.

9) Appointment of Officers:

Nominations were received and voted as follows:

- a) Chair: Nominee Dave Hayward, prop Stephen Young, sec Jennifer Smith
- b) Secretary: Nominee Sandra Deacon, prop Alan Standish, sec Gren Hatton
- c) Treasurer: Nominee Angela Evans, prop Dave Hayward, sec Rod Conlon
- d) All nominees were unanimously approved by the meeting

10) AOB:

Steve Jones commented that the Local Authority at Rushden has managed to obtain funding from their local District Council. In effect, the District Council obtains capital from developers, which it then makes available to fund approved projects within its area; it was suggested that this avenue might be explored to fund future CLASP work.

There being no further specific business, the Chairman closed the formal meeting at 7:25pm.

During the coffee break, displays by local member groups provided a focus of interest, in addition to the CLASP products stall and the raffle.

This was followed by two extremely interesting talks:

- a) Stephen Young gave a detailed and informative presentation of work during the past year on the sites at Bannaventa and Harpole, together with a new site south of the A5. This provided members with a very clear overview of CLASP's recent activities, and also illustrated how these activities fit into "the bigger picture".
- b) Guest Speaker Andy Chapman (MOLA Northampton) then gave an equally illuminating talk on recent excavations at the site of Northampton Castle, ably demonstrating that despite the many disturbances made to that site over the centuries, there is still much valuable factual evidence to be recovered.

The evening ended at about 9:45pm.