**SHEFFORD TOWN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF THE 2019 AGM held on 24th April 2019**

**Apologies:** Lin Field, Brenda Blanch, John Batcheldor, Andy MacDonald, Mike Hammond

37 members were present (full list available)

Minutes of the 2018 AGM were read by Jack Reynolds and approved.

Proposed by Aaron Buckingham and seconded by Bob Izzard.

**Chairman’s Report**

Jack Reynolds welcomed everyone to the 2019 AGM and gave a resume on the year which

although the cricket had gone we had a couple of new groups at the STMA and outlined some of the developments of the year. He thanked all the committee for their hard work.

Full report separate

**Secretarys Report**

Since the last AGM we have had a really active committee who have worked wonders on a very small budget. We employed a holding manager in September, Claire, who has done a brilliant job talking to the brewery to improve the bar facilities and even got a donation out of them some of which has gone on the new fridges so we can carry a better stock of bottles etc. We had a visit from EHO which meant we had to improve the cellar area which we have done.

The fete was our main fundraising event and thanks to the raffle we raised a good amount.

Our rental properties have continued to bring income into the STMA. No 6 changing tenants, this is let to Rob Slater who agreed to our steward. This meant some of the things Jack had taken on is now done by Rob which I’m sure Kirsty will be very pleased about.

In the back bar a door was re-fitted and there is a patio area with picnic tables. The football club play quite a few home games so as a trial we have run a café at the weekends when there has been home games. It has proved successful and it will continue next year if we can sort a rota of chefs!!

The fete is on 1st June, but this year we are having live music too, this will extend the day and promote the club. We again have a raffle and would welcome any volunteers to sell tickets, acquire raffle prizes or help on the day.

Our project for next year is the main hall, I have already been applying for grants which is very time consuming and quite disheartening at times. If anyone knows of any places to try please let us know.

**Treasurers Report**

A Draft statement of Income and expenditure was presented to the AGM and the fully audited accounts would be available shortly.

It was proposed the accounts were accepted in this format but hoped that next year the accounts would be audited before the AGM

Jacqui assured the meeting that next year it would be different as she was using a different system. The meeting agreed to accept this.

**Election of Officers**

Prior to the AGM a sheet had been posted on the noticeboard for nominations and date for completion noted.

Chairman - Jack Reynolds **Proposed** Alison Hammond, **Seconded** Brenda Ford - accepted

Vice Chair – there had been 2 proposals but one had not been seconded therefore

Aaron Buckingham who had been nominated by D. Hennessy and seconded by C. Hart was accepted

Secretary – Alison Hammond **Proposed** Lin Field **seconded** Declan Hennessy - accepted

Treasurer - Jacqui Smith **Proposed** A Hammond **Seconded** B Ford - accepted

Other committee members –

Brenda Ford, , Declan Henessey, Mark Clements, Maureen Nicholson - licensee

Group representatives: Andy Purves – Shefford Saints, Vic King – British Legion, Tony Montanaro – Shefford Runners, Paul Carne – Meppershall Players

Date of next AGM April 2020

Jack invited questions from the floor.

It was asked if minutes could be posted on the noticeboard – agreed

Membership – questions were asked about the signing in book and it was suggested that we could have a swipe cards at the door. It was agreed this probably wasn’t practical but agreed that the steward/committee needed to monitor this

Duty of care – there was a discussion about this and it was felt that at weekends especially there needed to be a committee presence. It was agreed that having a steward available had made a difference