



## **DUNBAR BRANCH & SOCIAL CLUB**

### Meeting Minutes:

An Extraordinary General Meeting was held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 09.30.

The meeting was opened by Chairman Duncan Laing who welcomed attendees and invited President David Bolton to lead a silent tribute for The Fallen and quote Binyon's lines.

The Chairman then introduced Edinburgh, Lothians & Borders Area Chairman Brian Kelly as Scrutineer for the meeting.

Minutes were taken by Karen Maddox.

Michael Kaszuba and Linda Gilhooly confirmed there were twenty-two members present.

Apologies were received from Steven Smith, Liz Gallagher and Alex McCredie

The Chairman made the following points:

1. As discussed at the AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020, following advice from OSCR and RBLs, we are required to operate the Branch as a charity and the Social Club separately as a business. To help draw this distinction, it was decided to change the financial year end of the Social Club to 31<sup>st</sup> March.
2. Clause 16 of the RBLs Constitution, stipulates the need for a separate Social Club Constitution and membership fees. We are not compliant.
3. RBLs recommend the social club adopt new club model rules and become incorporated as a Co-operative Society. The AGM agreed to progress this recommendation toward a New Club Model.
4. Progress on items 2 and 3 above has been delayed by the Covid crisis but can be expected to be on the agenda for later this year with full member participation.

The Treasurer's made a verbal report of the Social Club accounts. Following advice from the Scrutineer, it was agreed that the End of Year Accounts would be presented for formal adoption at the AGM later in the year.

The Chairman then read Clause 16 of the Constitution and he and the Scrutineer answered a number of questions from attendees.

Attendees were then invited to vote by a show of hands on the proposals published in the EGM Notice:

Proposal 1: - That Clause 16 compliance be addressed when considering adopting the New Club Model at a future meeting of members.

Proposal 1 was accepted unanimously by the 22 attendees. A further 9 electronic votes had been received, 8 for and 1 against. Proposal 1 was therefore accepted by majority vote.

Proposal 2: - That the Executives continue to run the business on a day-to-day basis and report to the Committee, until future business management is considered at the future members' meeting.

Proposal 2 was accepted unanimously by the 22 attendees. A further 9 electronic votes had been received, 8 for and 1 against. Proposal 2 was therefore accepted by majority vote.

Vice-Chairman Robert Gilbertson then paid tribute to Chairman Duncan Laing for "Making it his mission to right all the problems in the club over many, many thankless hours and weeks, he stuck in and got all the work done to make the club a safe and happy place for our members and guests". A round of applause was given in appreciation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.05.

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