



Bourne Freemasons Club (BFC)

Annual General Meeting at the Masonic Centre on Monday November 5th 2022.

Meeting Opened at 19.10 hrs.

PRESENT: Ian Bratley (Chair), Nigel Lindley (Secretary), Ray Brooks, Peter Flint, Clifford Crump.

APOLOGIES: Ian Greenfield (Vice Chair), Richard Simpson, Roger Thorpe, Graham Allen, Brian Hind, Dench

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed attendees and expressed disappointment at the particularly poor turn out.

MINUTES: The Minutes of Previous Meeting were formally agreed and signed. Chair will upload them to the BFC Website for viewing.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: See appendix 1 attached (page3)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year.

Chairman - Ian Bratley
Vice Chairman - Ian Greenfield
Secretary - Nigel Lindley
Treasurer - Roger Thorpe
Safety Officers - Peter Flint & Clifford Crump
Bar - Michael Haynes (TBC)
Maintenance Oversight - Ray Brookes

Two further positions yet to be confirmed.

Clifford Crump - the hiring of the hall, initially on a trial basis given his other duties.

Graham Allen - Social events

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence (email) has been received from W BroB Hind who has brought to the attention of the committee that the Organ in the temple does not function as it should. This will be looked into by the committee in due course.

MATTERS ARISING:

None for the AGM

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1- Progress has been made with the utility providers (electricity) to determine the correct billing for the Masonic Centre – we now await information from the supplier.
- 2- There is to be a fire assessment at the Masonic Centre on 23rd November 2022 – the outcome will be discussed and minuted at the next BFC Committee Meeting.



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- 3- In the near future, BFC committee will conduct be a 'walk through' within the Masonic Centre, the purpose being to create an action plan for the refurbishment and upgrading of parts of the building, particularly the Bar area, which is not conducive to the appeal of social events.

Prior to closing the meeting, the Chairman expressed thanks to the BFC Committee for the work and support shown through last twelve months.

Thanks, and appreciation were also conveyed to the Chairman for his sterling work during the same period.

On the basis that there being no further business for this AGM, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.15hrs



These above minutes are a true and accurate record of the discussions and resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting on 5th November 2022 and that the attendees and their committee positions/roles are as stated.

Signed

Signed

Chair

Secretary

Date

Date



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Appendix 1 Chairmans Report

Chair Persons Report Oct 31st 2022

As you are aware the BFC looks after the day to day running of the Masonic centre I am pleased to say that with the assistance of the Trustees we have continued to manage and maintain the smooth running of centre to everyone's expectations.

During the last 10 months we have installed Air Purifiers, we have enabled the car park resurfacing, and created a web site that allows members to view agendas and minutes of our meetings and organised our traditional Christmas Luncheon.

We have reviewed and amended capitation and rental fees for Masonic lodges and orders in line with the membership and the inflationary pressures we all face.

We also keep a close eye on costs and expenditure and at the same time continue to consider the best way forward to maximise use of the centre for the longer term.

We have maintained and reviewed rental income from the three groups using the hall and subject to a few amendments their participation looks to continue for the foreseeable future.

Finances: Currently in very good shape with in excess of 25k in the bank, we have renewed all our licences, had the necessary utility safety checks completed or programmed and all bills have been paid.

Fabric: We deal with minor issues such as locks, light bulbs and other incidentals on a day to day basis and our main issues for the immediate future are to review the internal fabric of the bar area with a view to making it more appealing that in turn will allow us to utilise the centre for more social events.

We are also aware that in the longer term we will need to address the possibility of replacing more substantial items such as the glass washer, the bar fridges and possibly the central heating boiler.

Exterior: Having had the car park re-surfaced we are addressing the exterior of the building especially the trees and bushes to the side and the now overgrown 'triangle' outside the kitchen as we need to keep the Masonic emblem Visible. We have arranged for a gardener to come very shortly to address these issues and our intention is to extend his duties to regular upkeep of the grounds and lawned areas.

Catering: Overall we feel the service has been very satisfactory over the year and pleased to say there is no increase in meal prices for the forthcoming year. Therefore we have decided to maintain our catering arrangements for 2023 with a review in September.



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Social Events: Covid restrictions over the last 24 months precluded any social events being held but I am pleased to say that we have already prepared our Christmas Luncheon this year and part of our remit for the coming year is to generate at least 3 more events utilising the centres facilities so we can create a programme to involve all the orders and Lodges that use the centre.

Offices: Each member currently in office has to be elected or re-elected each year and consist of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Safety Officer, Treasurer and Bar manager. However it is evident that we need to increase these individual offices to include 'Hirings' and 'Social events' management which may include canvassing volunteers from the other lodges and orders that use the facility.

While these will be addressed after my report, I would like to wholeheartedly thank all officers and members who have spent their time in supporting all that we do in running the club, maintaining and keeping our facilities here ready and available for all the Masonic meetings that are planned and, continued availability for social groups in between.