

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MARDEN'S CLUB

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Club held at 41 Napier Avenue, London SW6 and by video conference on Tuesday 3 November 2020.

PRESENT:

James Palmer-Tomkinson (President) (in person)

Grainne Goar (Hon. Secretary) (in person)

Clair Southwell (Vice-President) (by video conference)

Elizabeth Shaw (Treasurer) (by video conference)

Members of the Club and Committee (by video conference)

1. NOTICE AND QUORUM

The President welcomed the members to the meeting. The Hon. Secretary noted that notice had been duly given and a quorum was present although for the first time in the history of the Club members were attending the meeting remotely, due to Covid-19 pandemic-related restrictions on physical gatherings. It was noted that a slide show would accompany the agenda items but as usual voting would be by show of hands and questions and comments were encouraged.

2. MINUTES

IT WAS RESOLVED on a show of hands that the minutes of the last AGM held on 24 September 2019, a draft of which had been available on the website prior to the meeting, were approved.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

James Palmer-Tomkinson noted that the season had marked the Club's 90th anniversary. It been cut short by the pandemic which had closed ski lifts as well as

preventing gatherings, events and travel to Klosters since March, in particular leading to cancellation of Junior Training, the family race and some events planned for the 90th anniversary celebrations.

He also noted the condolences of the Club to the families and friends of Sarah Phillips and Terence Tofield, long standing members who had also served on the Committee; Sarah from 1981- 1994 including as Hon. Editor 1983-1994 and Terence 1989-2001 including as Vice-President 1990-1999.

The President reported that despite later events being cancelled, the earlier part of the 2019/20 season had benefitted from good snow and some great highlights including:

- Team parallel slalom on the evening of 2 January won by Louis Tucker, Stephanie, Anna and Mathilda Guttenberg racing as “Race Captain’s Select” team who were awarded the new Simon Pilkington Selfranga Cup (formerly the Selfranga Cup).
- Club Championships were held on New Year’s Eve to commemorate exactly the 90th anniversary of the Club’s first race and won by James Shaw and India Palmer-Tomkinson who were the season Club Champions.
- The Albula Cup was won by Corviglia by the narrowest of margins and Marden’s invited to compete for this trophy again in St Moritz as part of Corviglia Club’s 90th anniversary winter in 2020/1.
- 90th anniversary party on New Year’s Eve at the top of the Madrisa was a significant success with thanks of the Club to Caspar Rock and Charlie Palmer-Tomkinson for speaking and to the party committee Clair Southwell, Rachel Kaas, Sophie Evans, Honor Palmer-Tomkinson, Clare Joy and Lalie Jacout who organised such a fabulous event.
- Roped Slalom on New Year’s Day at Laret, Bex and Tom Astridge won best fancy dress and James and Wilf Palmer-Tomkinson were the race winners.
- The Amateur Inter Club Championships (AICC) hosted by the Ladies Ski Club in Flaine 11-13 March saw Marden’s win; Ladies Bronze medals (Justine Elmendorff, Stephanie Ashton and Adrienne Kirk), Young Ladies Silver

(Amy Donnellon, India PT, Phoebe Roth and Georgie Hackett) and Men's Gold (James PT, James Roth, Stefan Gratzner and Anthony Cagiati). Thanks to Pene Cairns, President of LSC, and her team for putting on such an amazing event in very difficult circumstances caused by Covid including the late cancellation of Italian and Austrian teams.

Thanks were noted to Saas Ski School for training Club racers as well as supporting races, to all the volunteers over the season and to Marden's Committee, in particular Sophie Evans who was standing down from the Committee after 5 years and would be replaced by Sara Townsend.

The President then led a vote of thanks and paid tribute to the village of Klosters, which had hosted the Club for 90 years and continued to be as supportive and welcoming as ever to the Club and Members.

4. WINTER PROGRAMME

It was reported that the details of the winter programme for the 2020/21 season, starting with Club Championships on 29 December 2020 would be available to Members on the Club's website following the meeting. It was hoped by all that as much as possible of the 2020/1 season would be able to go ahead, including celebrations postponed from Easter 2020, but this would be uncertain until government guidance in the UK and Switzerland were known.

5. ACCOUNTS

- 5.1 The President noted that the Club operated its activities through a limited company, Marden's Club Limited, and therefore produced Company accounts alongside the Club accounts for clarity. The turnover of the Company had been affected by the cancellation of Junior Training and was £66,271 (2019: £70,454) but profit was £1,924 (2019: £983 loss). The balance sheet of the Club as at 31 May 2020 showed net assets of £57,027 and cash balance of £43,851. A summary of the accounts of the Club for the year ended 31 May 2020 had been published on the website and would remain available there as well as to all members on request and the Treasurer was available for any questions by members.

5.2 IT WAS RESOLVED on a show of hands that the financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2020 be approved.

6. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The President noted the proposals set out in the Notice of the meeting and IT WAS RESOLVED on a show of hands that the following appointments be made with effect from the end of the meeting:

- James Palmer-Tomkinson was re-elected to serve a further year as President, noting that he intended to step down at the next AGM
- Clair Southwell was re-elected to serve a further year as Vice President
- Other than Sophie Evans, the rest of the Committee, being eligible for re-appointment, were re-elected to serve a further year
- Sara Townsend was elected as a member of the Committee.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed.

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