

BRIGHTON SPREAD EAGLES

Barclays Group Pensioners' Club

MINUTES OF THE 40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, HELD AT THE SPEN CAMA PAVILION, SUSSEX COUNTY CRICKET GROUND, ON THURSDAY 12th APRIL 2018

PRESENT : Roger Francis in the Chair
50 members

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Doug & Joan Mays

2. Minutes of the 38th AGM held on the 2nd March 2017 had been circulated and were taken as read. That they be taken as a true record was proposed by Don Semmons, seconded by Viv Hill and signed accordingly.

3. Matters Arising. There were none.

4. Chairman's Report. Roger Francis welcomed all members including a new one, and briefly referred to the change in the date of this meeting, owing to the inclement weather on the original date of 1st March. This was his tenth Annual Report and looking back found how little had changed over the years, in respect of the number of members and their loyalty and commitment, and the size of the club, which he felt was just right. He then thanked personally all the members of the committee for their continued support, with special reference to Don with his two hats as Treasurer and Social Secretary, and Jean as secretary. His remarks were greeted with applause. He proposed a vote of thanks to all the committee, which was seconded by Norma Pontin and carried.

5. Treasurer's Report. A copy of the Income & Expenditure Account with supplements covering specific details and costs of individual outings had been circulated among the members. These were quite straight forward, but Don asked if there were any queries. He noted that the highest subsidy was for the Xmas Lunch, but this was a most successful event and well attended. He then proposed that the Accounts be adopted, which was seconded by Rae Titcomb and carried.

6. Social Secretary's Report. A comprehensive Review of the events of 2017 had been circulated with the last Newsletter, and these were also detailed on the Club website, together with excellent photographs, copies of which Don said he could provide to any member who so desired. The itinerary for the coming year had also been circulated in the latest Newsletter, the only addition to which was an outing to the Theatre Royal, Brighton, on the 31st October to see "Evita", with tea afterwards at Al Duomo Restaurant.

7. Welfare Officer's Report. Tony Comber remarked that, as usual, he had nothing to report, thankfully due to the continued good health and circumstances of our members. However, he did say that if any member was aware of any pensioner who needed help in any capacity, to let him, or a member of the committee know, so that we could take action.

Tony then made reference to the concern expressed by some members about the ring-fencing of part of the Barclays Group activities, and its likely effect on future pensions. However he, and with the confirmation of other former senior bank administrators, felt that there was no cause for concern, and any anxieties were unfounded. It was also pointed out that in terms of the soundness of Pension Funds in major institutions, Barclays was considered one of the best.

8. Election of Officers and Committee members for 2018/2019. Roger vacated the Chair which was taken over by our Vice-Chairman Graham Clark, who proposed that, as he was willing, Roger should be re-elected for the coming year. Although, originally Roger had agreed to serve for two years, he had become a father figure and should be awarded with a long service medal. This proposal was seconded by Rosemary Singyard and carried. The remainder of the officers and committee had also agreed to stand again, with an additional member in the person of David Stedman who had recently been proposed to serve, and who is warmly welcomed, and will, as the chairman commented, reduce the average of the Committee quite considerably! That the committee be re-elected en-bloc with this addition was proposed by Roger and seconded by David Titcomb.

9. Vote of Thanks to Accounts Inspector and election of Inspector for 2018. Robin Frost, who has performed this task for some years, had agreed to continue to do so, and was given a token of our appreciation for his efforts. That he be re-elected was proposed by Roger and seconded by Graham.

10. Any other Business. A member asked for more details of forthcoming outings, and Don pointed out that these would be explained fully in the forthcoming Newsletter. However, he did explain that, although the journey for the proposed outing to Blenheim Palace was some distance, our coach driver had explained that it took no longer to drive there than to the centre of London and there was a comfort stop on the way! At this stage Don also reminded members that he still had a DVD of previous outings to 2015, and also that on our website there was a comprehensive list of trusted traders who could be relied upon recommended by members.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.40 a.m. with thanks to Don for organising the catering for this event and followed by an excellent buffet lunch.