

THE GUZZLERS ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday 8th October 2013
at The Elms, Leigh-on-Sea.

Present : M. Blackett (Chairman), J Blackburn, R. Pickford, B. Sullivan, N. Paxman, N. James, R. Salter, P. Cottrell, C. Fraser, A. Bicknell, P. Jacob, J. Whiteley, C. Grover, A. Stone, C. Burls, P. Fairplay M. Riley, & S. Clay.

Apologies:, D. Blois, G. Heath, M. Regan, D. Clark, J. Riley, A. Clapham, S. Driscoll M. Sears & A. Edwards.

1. The Chairman opened the 31st Annual Meeting at 2100 and welcomed members.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 9th October 2012 were Proposed by N. Paxman, Seconded C. Burls - Unanimous.
3. There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.
4. The Chairman spoke of our activities in the preceding 12 months. There had been a Trafalgar Night Dinner, a trip to Cutty Sark in November, a visit to the Whitstable Oyster Festival in 'Calypso' and the charter of 'Donald Searle' from the RSP in September. Pub Nights were well attended and the highlight of the year was being able to recruit some new and young(er) members at The 'Recruitment Day in August. He reported that The Oak Tree was growing strongly.
5. The Secretary reported that membership stood at 49.
6. The Treasurer reported that the finances were in good shape and had been verified by Ed Strickland, a friend from Ashford Indoor Bowls Club. Concern was expressed that the stock of ties had been given away without authorisation but it was unanimously decided that they were to be written off. We hold donations of £110 that were expressly made for the new facility and are to be held until called for.
Adoption of Income & Expenditure account and Balance Sheet 2012/2013 Proposed P. Cottrell, Seconded R. Pickford - Unanimous
7. Subscriptions 2013/14 would remain at £5
Proposed S. Clay, Seconded B. Sullivan. - Unanimous
8. Election of Committee
Chairman M Blackett - Proposed P. Cottrell, Seconded C Fraser.
Secretary/Treasurer S Clay – Proposed C. Fraser, Seconded M. Riley.
Committee Members A Clapham & P. Cottrell, Proposed N. James Seconded B. Sullivan
P. Jacobs Proposed M. Blackett, Seconded J. Whiteley
All proposals were carried unanimously.
9. The years Social Programme.
Trafalgar Night Dinner at The Swan, Lavenham, Suffolk via N. Paxman on 19th October 2013
Winter Pub Night 4th March 2014 at The Elms. Pre Meeting Diners gathering at 1900.
Committee to discuss:-
Visits to Chatham Maritime & Imperial War Museum
Arrangements for another Recruiting Day & Den Day.
Visit to Whitstable for the Oyster Festival 2014
GUZZLERS sailing on Donald Searle 2014
10. AOB.
J. Whiteley reported on the groups' proposals for the new facility on Victoria Wharf.
With the agreement of all in attendance a cheque for £750 was presented to the Group Chairman as a donation from The GUZZLERS to pay for a tent for the Group – notionally for the Cub Pack.
11. There was no other business to discuss, - AGM 2014 - 7th October 2014 at The Den.
The meeting closed at 2149

Stuart Clay
Secretary
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Martin Blackett
Chairman