Shepton Mallet Sports and Community Group

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting held
Monday 5th October 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Clubhouse Iss1

1) The Chair welcomed those attending and clarified that the evening would host two AGMs in succession – the Group and then Bowls. AGMs would be separately held for Tennis and Allotments.
   The report for Bowls would be presented at the Bowls AGM.
2) The Secretary, Robert Goodhand had already issued profit and loss reports directly to Tennis and Allotment members respectively.
   Tennis was running smoothly. Membership was down from last year but still the third highest since restarted in 2015. We had invested in new court lines with thanks to Phil and Tony for undertaking.
   Allotments were fully let as usual with a growing waiting list. RG commented that allotments were let at a community licence cost, far less than the economic rate that could be charged but there was then a strong obligation that allotment holders made best use of their allotment.
3) **Presentation of accounts 01Oct25 to 30Sep26**
   A full commentary was issued to the meeting plus a detailed profit and loss statement for the whole Group. RG highlighted a few financial details. It had been a record year in many aspects. The Bar surplus was up 20% from last year.
4) **Appointment of accounts examiner for 2026/27**
   Accepting the Secretary's plea that other people become involved in an overview of the financial affairs Suzie Kelly put her name forward to be Accounts Examiner for the coming year.

5) **Election of Group Officers**

The following people had put their names forward to be Group officers – Tony Christensen. Jackie Hamlin, Phil Stevens, Chris Arnold and Robert Goodhand. The Constitution did not specify a limit to Officers. It was therefore proposed by Gerald and Seconded by Nick that these five be appointed. This was passed unanimously. RG commented that this was the third year that no amendments to the Constituion were being proposed and he felt that the balance and wording were now flexible but balanced to give guidance on all matters.

Those elected would now meet to appoint the specific posts of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. RG had indicated his willingness to continue in his present posts but that was for the Committee to decide.

6) **Questions to Chair**

There being no specific questions to the Chair the meeting terminated at 6.32 pm.

7) The Chair said that the Bowls AGM would commence after a 15 minute interlude.

RG apologised to some Allotment members who had arrived during the meeting expecting a 6:30 pm start. He separately briefed them on the proceedings.

At the end of the Bowls Committee meeting, RG briefed the role on the Trustees of the Club – Kate Lovell and Lesley Rowan. LR had attended most of the Bowls' AGM. They were both strong supporters of the Town's community and proactive in many initiatives not least the continuing of the Town Library when faced with cost-saving closure. Trustees' roles were primarily to ensure the Group abided by its Constitution. They could call an EGM in extreme circumstances to allow the opportunity for the membership to appoint a new management committee if deemed necessary.

Robert Goodhand Club Secretary 05Oct26 *rg*