



MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on **Tuesday 3 June 2014** at
Woodies, Peacehaven Golf Club at 8.00am

In Attendance: 18 Members signed in to the meeting.

Apologies: Neil Cameron - Wave Leisure
Jeremy Sogno - Lawson Lewis Blakers
Mark Derrick – Jarlands
Gary Maskell – Advice4Business

1. Welcome & Chairman's Report

P Merry welcome those present explaining G Maskell remained as Chairman but was standing in until he was able to resume. Over the last year, membership has increased 26% at 53 members. Highlights were the Breakfast Club and quality of speakers; the Breakfast over Dinner concept was being developed with another event next week; the Curry Club was also now established and had a regular following. Seahaven Business Awards was a new venture this year with Seaford and Newhaven Chambers and Peacehaven Chamber Members who won awards were congratulated. Chris Chandler was thanked for his work on the website, in addition to the forthcoming Chamber Directory which is another first for Peacehaven Chamber. Various member achievements were also noted for special mention. Members who had come through a difficult trading period were also congratulated. The Committee was also thanked for their work.

The Chairman's Report was accepted by the meeting.

Proposer: P Howson

Seconder: H Macaulay

All in favour

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 21 March 2013

The Minutes of last years' Annual General Meeting were agreed as a true record.

Proposer: P Howson

Seconder: C Chandler

All in favour.

3. Treasurer's Report & adoption of Financial Accounts

A statement of the financial position was circulated to those present. The Treasurer confirmed it had been a profitable year. P Howson proposed a vote of thanks to the H Macaulay for her work.

It was proposed that the Financial Statement be adopted by the meeting.

Proposer: C Chandler

Seconder: P Howson

All in favour.

4. Election Results and details of the Committee 2014/2015

Gary Maskell (Chairman) and Phil Merry (Vice Chairman) were re-elected at last year's AGM. Nigel Enever was also elected to the Committee. The remainder of the Committee are up for election as follows:

On a three-year rotation **Rachel Brown** stands down from the Committee but offers herself for re-election.

Proposer: N Enever

Seconder: S Blackwell

All in favour.

On a three-year rotation, **Helen Macaulay** stands down from the Committee but offers herself for re-election.

Proposer: P Davies

Seconder: C Bray

All in favour.

On a three-year rotation, **Chris Chandler** stands down from the Committee but offers himself for re-election.

Proposer: B Welch

Seconder: S Wilde

All in favour

On a three-year rotation, **Mark Derrick** stands down from the Committee but offers himself for re-election.

Proposer: S Studd

Seconder: B Welch

All in favour

On a three-year rotation, **Christian Fleming** stands down from the Committee but offers himself for re-election.

Proposer: P Merry

Seconder: A Melbourne

All in favour

5. **The Year Ahead**

P Merry hoped for more of the same – the Chamber growing organically and the Business Directory going out to every home in Peacehaven and Telscombe Cliffs should increase membership. Also a visit to the Houses of Parliament is to be organised for October 20th and a group of 15 will be able to climb the Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben) followed by a small reception hosted by Simon Kirby afterwards. The selection process was outlined. The Seahaven Business Awards 2015 will be held at Jerome Hall which is bigger venue to cater for 120+ people. Lewes District Business Awards this year conflicted slightly this year but will be co-ordinated for next year to benefit all 3 chambers involved.

6. **Any Other Business:**

- a) Peacehaven Enterprise Centre – P Yates-Smith gave an update on the latest situation.
- b) D Kent enquired whether the listing in the Chamber Directory would be alphabetical – C Chandler confirmed there would be an alphabetical index at the front.

P Howson thanked the Committee for their work.

The meeting closed at 8.27am.