

the opportunity to stand for election. The reasons for the restrictions were explained to, and confirmed by, the meeting. Cat Kelly commented at length about the number of young people who do not come to camps and asked why the Youth Camp had been capped. It was explained that the capping was due to the limited facilities available. It was agreed that extra facilities would be provided in future and that the Council would review the booking arrangements for this event to encourage attendance.

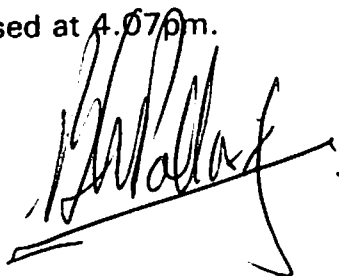
#### 10. Any other business

Judy Pierce thanked Andy Malleson for looking at the Management Manual for revision. She asked Staff to read the new manual.

Brian Pollard thanked Beci Brown for her first *Extent* and congratulated John Meechan for handing it to her in a healthy state. He also thanked John and Faith Kemp for providing the food for the AGM, Anna Tabbush and Chris Jewell for the musicians' workshops and Carolyn Robson for organising the day.

Dennis Leavey thanked Brian Pollard and all outgoing and present members of Council and Staff for keeping Folk Camps going and Andy Malleson proposed a vote of thanks to Roger Conway for all his hard work.

The meeting closed at 4.07pm.



29-11-03.

## FOLK CAMPS SOCIETY LIMITED

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at The Grieg Hall, Alcester on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2002. Starting at 1.30pm

1. Apologies were received from 19 Governing & Associate member as noted on the appendix to the attendance list. There were 56 Governing and 21 Associate members present as noted on the attendance list.

#### 2. Minutes for the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2001.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Cecil French and seconded by Alan Corkett and carried nem.con.

#### 3. Matters arising

Development Day March 2002 – Claire Mycock gave a report of the excellent Catering Development Day. Another Training Day will take place in March 2003 on Leadership and the Team.

Sue Malleson raised the issue of the Capers name. As next year would be 4 years since the name was first used, could Council discuss this during the year so that it could be decided by the next AGM. Paul Weir asked if Roger Conway could provide figures for new bookings taken since the name change. Roger Conway replied that it was very difficult to measure.

Dennis Leavey asked about the Articles of Association. Roger Conway stated that we were waiting to see the outcome of Halsway Manor's review of their Articles as they were very close to our own. He stated that the proposed amendments were on our website. Any amendments would be completed by the next AGM.

#### **4. Appointments of tellers for a ballot**

Dave Bennett – proposed Jenny Walton, 2nd Christine Corkett  
Barbara Gregson – proposed John Meechan, 2nd Gary Mycock  
Enid Weaver – proposed Jean Blomfield, 2nd Dave Richardson

#### **5. Adoption of the report and the accounts for the year 2001/2002**

Roger Conway presented the accounts and the Annual Report. The big increase in sales was almost all due to the sale of Pete Hendy's book that has now been reprinted. Our drop in turnover was substantially due to Foot and Mouth. He gave details of the proposal by Council to change the accounting year to end 31<sup>st</sup> August each year. Much discussion ensued concerning the new date for the AGM (end of November or February) and the period of notice required. The Meeting voted in favour of a change in the accounting year and for a reduction in the period of notice to members for AGM & EGMs. Council will submit the necessary Resolution to the next AGM. Barry Pollard proposed, and Julian Weaver seconded, the acceptance of the Report and Accounts. Carried.

**6. Appointment of 3 members to the Council of Management**  
Beci Brown, Chris Butler and Elaine Meechan were duly elected. Brian Pollard thanked Faith Kemp for standing for election.

#### **7. Appointment of L. J. Ashman as auditors**

Andy Malleson asked for the possibility of fresh auditors to be explored. After discussion Bob Pierce proposed the acceptance of L.J. Ashman & Co, seconded by Julian Weaver. Carried nem.con.

#### **8. Resolutions for consideration**

There were no resolutions received.

Christine Corkett gave a report on the Development Fund. No meetings had been held as no individual applications for funding had been received. Christine reminded the meeting of the criteria needed to apply. She stated that the Fund supported the Development Day, funded Staffing Apprentices, First Aid and Hygiene certificated courses and the reprint of Pete Hendy's book. The meeting elected Barry Pollard and Lizzie French as non-Council members of the Development Fund committee.

#### **9. Matters for discussion**

Chris Butler presented the document circulated with the AGM papers – **Folk Camps Society, Our Future Strategy**. Roger Conway explained the new Capers leaflet that would be used as the general *flyer* with the Autumn edition of *Extent* used as the detailed brochure to be sent to enquirers. This strategy would be tried for 2-3 years. There was a discussion about staffing of camps, and the meeting was asked to consider what it thought was our primary interest when advertising – folk or camping. Many members stated their own enjoyment of camps, with the overall consensus being a clear emphasis on Folk. Paul Tabbush suggested a questionnaire to current Folk Campers and it was confirmed this was in hand. Bob Pierce queried whether there were people waiting to come to Folk Camps as there was now more choice in folk activities generally. Following a question, Roger Conway drew attention to the problems we now have with regulations and that in the future our methods of working might be considered to be in breach of hygiene and safety rules. He stated that our adult/child split had shifted out to 66% adults instead of traditional 60/40. Anna Tabbush commented that there is not enough for the 20s age group. She also asked if rules could change so that more than one person in a family could be a member of the Council of Management, giving young people