

## Minutes from our AGM 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

1. Present: Sharon Minter, Catherine Hesmer, Karen Swift
2. Apologies: Joan Hesmer, Paul Minter, Mark Andrews, Wendy Andrews, Tracy Hindmarsh, Carol Morley, Alison Ambrose & Freda Temple
3. Minutes from the last meeting were agreed by Catherine Hesmer and seconded by Karen Swift
4. No new conflicts of interest declared
5. Mary Haswell & Sammie Taylor have both resigned since the last AGM.  
Sharon Minter stays as Chair  
Catherine Hesmer stays as Vice-Chair  
Karen Swift stays as secretary  
Both Sharon & Catherine to be joint treasurer  
Karen Swift voted in a chief fundraiser
6. Chairperson report AGM 2019

*“Time goes by so quickly! I can’t believe it’s time for me to write another chairpersons report!*

*I think it takes a special sort of person to be a trustee, we have had many over the years (2 left this year) and only 3 of us are left. It takes true commitment to succeed as a trustee, a passion for the charity and a true understanding of what it involves. To commit to run a charity, to take part in all that’s involved is a big undertaking. To pay to come to all the activities where you know you won’t get to sit down, chat to your friends or spend as much time as you would like with your own kids as your too busy running the activity, to spend hours on paperwork, policies & procedures and fundraising. I personally open my home every Monday in term time (excluding bank holidays lol) for the coffee mornings, making sure it’s as clean and tidy as it can be and welcoming anyone into my home isn’t an easy thing to do, for me or my kids who see their things being packed away each Monday rather than being left where they want them. But we do it because we want to and are committed to doing so, for the benefit of all our members. So I would like to extend my thanks to Catherine and Karen*

*for being as committed as me to run this charity and improve the lives of so many families.*

*We have had yet again another busy year, our membership has increased dramatically, and this was probably in part to the local branch of NAS closing down. Our activities remain as popular as ever with most filling up with a few hours of being emailed out to members. Where possible we have added second sessions like we did at Easter with Ringo-ing. Obviously this is dependent on us trustees being able to run 2 sessions, the venue being able to book us a second session as well as having enough funds to subsidise the second session.*

*Some of our activities rely heavily on certain people, mainly our parties. Our parties have always been hosted by Uncle Bumble (Chris Brown) and it would not be a SKB party without him. I would like to take this opportunity to extend our condolences to Chris on the recent loss of his lovely wife Bev.*

*Our venues remain as supportive as ever. As the staff get to know us and the children its makes each time we visit easier for all concerned, so thank you to every venue we hire.*

*Our fundraising efforts continue to do well. Our bingo nights are gaining in popularity. Our curry and games night was also popular. We have had some amazing local support this year Cllr Charles Clark has continue to support us, Highwood golf club ladies team picked up to support this year, we were chosen again by Co-Op, Bexhill Mayor Abul Azad chose us as one of his charities and we have really enjoyed working with him and his team, the Mayors Ball was a fantastic night. Mark Simmons chose to raise money for us when he ran the London Marathon and 2 of our members Hannah and Lorraine took on the Hastings Half marathon to raise funds for us. We finished our year as Bexhill Sainsbury's charity of the year and look forward to applying again in the future. We have had support from local supermarkets by way of store collections. Members Lin, Ben and Elliott took part in 'Wheels and Walk' last year raising money for us and they plan to take part again this year, with me! Bexhill Lions has supported us this year with our upcoming trip to London Zoo. The Royal Sovereign Ladies (Masonic Charities) Association donated a very generous amount to us this year, which was very gratefully received. Local group 'Buddies' also made a lovely donation to us. Our Facebook raffle page*

*continues to raise vital funds for us while allowing people to win some amazing prizes. I would like to thank all the members who help at our fundraising event, coming along and giving up their time to help.*

*We were very lucky to secure funding from Sussex Community Foundation and The Lottery Community Fund this year. This allows us to continue to provide the much needed range and number of activities to meet the needs (as much as we can) of our members.*

*Looking to the future and we are currently planning the next 12 months' worth of activities and what funding we will need to apply for in order to be able to provide them. This is one part of being trustees that we love and we have some great ideas. So do look out for some great new trips out.*

*I look forward to all the fun to be had over the next 12 months."*

## 7. Treasurers report

Income and expenditure accounts 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

Balance on 31st March 2018 £25,682.32

Financial year is April 1st 2018 to March 31st 2019

Total income for April 1st 2018 to 31st March 2019 is: £61,326.15

Income made up of the following:

1. Members payments for activities £13,389.25

2. Donations £2.00

3. Fundraising £26,475.83

Bingo evenings £877.00

Supermarket collections £1018.24

Facebook raffles £23,672.70

Boot Fairs £22.77

Embrace summer fair £10.00

Bexhill 100 stall £73.00

Bexhill Town collection £224.37

Wheels & Walk £108.75

Sponsored walk £20.00

Curry night £449.00

4. Councillor Charles Clark £225.00
5. Berna Tydeman £55.62
6. Buddies clothes swap £72.50
7. Sainsbury's charity of the year £1162.99
8. Bexhill Lions Club £500.00
9. Bay House Care Home Bingo £40.00
10. Easy Fundraising £39.81
11. Royal Sovereign Ladies £500.00
12. MyDonate – Marathons £724.29
13. Coffee Mornings £203.10
14. Sussex Community Foundation £4,982.85
15. Big Lottery £9999.00
16. Charites Aid Foundation £1254.10
17. Cancelled cheques £115.00
18. Santander £375.00
19. Santander Match funding £375.00
20. Waitrose green token scheme £823.00
21. Return of overpayments £11.00

Total expenditure for April 1st 2018 to 31st March 2019 is: £57,320.27

Expenditure made up of the following:

1. Activities £31,984.41
2. Mobile phone £360.77
3. Insurance £341.82
4. Stationary £330.95
5. Equipment £738.97
6. Fundraising supplies £316.27
7. Website £97.56
8. Lottery Licence £20
9. Refunds to Members £24.00
10. DBS checks £12.00
11. Accountant £480.00
12. Coffee morning supplies £278.31
13. Facebook raffle prizes £22,054.60

14. Ink £280.61

Balance on 31st March 2019 £29,688.20

8. New and exciting day trips for next year and we will continue to use all the local venues for activities.
9. Sponsored walk has been done, will update total raised when all has been collected. We will look to arrange a new date to hold the gazebo stall on De La Warr lawns that had to be cancelled due to adverse weather. Curry night booked for 14<sup>th</sup> October. The Mayor ends his term at the end of this month but will continue to support us. In July we are having a stall on 27<sup>th</sup> at the Polegrove with the carnival and we have the Bexhill 100 in August. Still waiting to hear from Asda regarding the green token. The raffle page continues to do well.
10. We will apply again to Sussex Community Foundation in September and Big lottery community fund in January.
11. No other business
12. Next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm at 1 Constable way, Bexhill TN40 2UH