

MINUTES OF THE AGM
Held on Tuesday 21 January 2014
At East Grinstead Sports Club
18.00-20.00

Present:

Stuart Scholes, CEO	M Gellatly, TMS
Roger Martell, Treasurer	Fiona Friend, Wear it Again Sam
Kate Bennett, Business Manager	Amy/Jo – PCSOs
Caroll Everest, Administrator	Margaret Martell, Martell's
Karl Lemon, Romana Property Mgmt	Jonty Egginton, EGG Media
Elaine McGloin, Elaine McGloin	Bob Mainstone, EGTC
Mark Kingsley-Monks, A Little Bit About	Matt Cole, Cole's Estate Agents
Jackie Huggett, EG Sports Club	Matt Cole, Cole's Estate Agents
Dave Brown, Duaris	Norman Webster, EGTC
Peter Robinson, RES	James Moore, Green Light Co.
Richard Blackburn, Chris Wall Creative	Jacque Pinney, Blond McIndoe Research
Philip de Jong, Pertinax Partnership	Bob Russell, IQ Projects
Margaret de Jong, Pertinax Partnership	Julian Marks, TMS Systems Ltd

1.	<p>Apologies: Were received from Nicholas Soames MP, Chairman; David Bridle, Bullfrog Music, Marina Urquhart-Pullen, Charmaine Hallmark, Hallmark Travel, Gordon Westcott.</p> <p>The CEO, Stuart Scholes, welcomed the turnout to the meeting, which was much appreciated.</p>
2.	<p>Financial Copies of the accounts were handed out. Roger Martell the Treasurer said that the Accounts had been checked by Brooks & Co. The EGBA had done reasonably well although lost slightly more than budgeted. However, membership has increased.</p> <p>There will be no Town Council grant this year although they will consider funding for a specific project. This year the McIndoe fundraising also went in and out of the accounts.</p> <p>Have 143 paid members, 15 new members were in the latter part of the year.</p> <p>Looking to increase membership to get 130 full price fee. Subscription is now £90.00 for the year as we are aiming to be self-funding.</p> <p>Hope to get an additional 20 new members by the end of the year.</p> <p>Profit of £600 as opposed to a loss. Adopted: Matt Cole Seconded: Bob Russell. The accounts were approved.</p> <p>SS thanked everyone that had already paid for 2014. Requested that those that have not yet paid do so promptly to avoid unnecessary dry costs in chasing for payments.</p>
3.	<p>Review of 2013 Stuart said that with the renewal letter a summary of what we had been doing over the last 12 months had been posted out to everyone in December which detailed the achievements for 2013. He said that there were several that were still continuing. There were no questions.</p> <p>Currently we have 145 members.</p>

4.	<p>Election of new Committee Members Currently have 6 committee members, and 2 or 3 are replaced each year. Matt Cole, Pru Oliver and Bob Russell are all standing down.</p> <p>We received 3 nominations for the Committee. No one else volunteered to stand.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="288 427 1038 562"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Proposed</th> <th>Seconded</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Jonty Egginton</td> <td>James Moore</td> <td>Jackie Pinney</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fiona Friend</td> <td>Julian Marks</td> <td>Elaine McGloin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Robinson</td> <td>Matt Cole</td> <td>Bob Russell</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All were elected and approved.</p>		Proposed	Seconded	Jonty Egginton	James Moore	Jackie Pinney	Fiona Friend	Julian Marks	Elaine McGloin	Peter Robinson	Matt Cole	Bob Russell
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5.	<p>Reappointment of Committee Members The other committee members are: Gordon Westcott, Elaine McGloin, James Moore All three were re-appointed.</p>												
6.	<p>Reappointment of Officers CEO, Stuart Scholes Treasurer, Roger Martell Both were re-appointed.</p>												
7.	<p>Revised Association Rules SS said that the Rules had been inherited and needed revision. The new Rule had been put to the Committee and ratified at the last Committee meeting. It needs approval to be adopted, copies were sent out to all members electronically. SS asked if any comments/approval. The Rules were adopted. SS said that it puts in place how many Committee members constitute a quorum etc.</p>												
8.	<p>2014 SS said that there was a lot going on this year and detailed some of the projects for the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Statue</i>. Now at foundry and unveiling will be on 9th June (subject to final planning approval – hoped for this week). We are planning a big day for East Grinstead and Jacquie Pinney my colleague on the Steering Group has already made considerable progress. We have £87K so are still some way off our £175K target – HELP please. • <i>McIndoe Bluebell Pullman</i> on Saturday, 22nd February. • <i>Mural</i> to be put on the wall at the top of Cantelupe Road. • Re-launch <i>visiteastgrinstead.com</i> Kate masterminding this as a priority. • <i>Meet & Greet</i> – need a volunteer to manage. Supported by Waitrose. • <i>Inaugural East Grinstead Business Lecture</i> - Stewart Wingate, CEO at Gatwick Airport has been approached to possibly deliver this. SS t have a meeting with his PA shortly to discuss. • <i>Alliance</i>. Continue to develop a working relationship with the Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath Business Associations. • <i>Gatwick Airport expansion</i> - Take an active role. Small survey conducted on business views. About 30% response rate. All were positive about the development. Will be represented at various meetings. 												

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Networking. Two a month including our 'JUST a MINUTE'</i> <p><u>Expand the membership</u> to make us self-supporting - members help is needed.</p> <p>This is your association so please give us feedback – what are we doing right – what are we doing wrong?</p> <p>Networking: La Farola: Mixture of people attend including PCSOs and Councillors.</p> <p>Buzz Meetings: by request to now have breakfast/lunch and evening events. With Just a Minute where possible.</p> <p>This was recently introduced and was successful and will aim to repeat it.</p> <p>CE has prepared a schedule of events for next year.</p>
9.	<p>Expanding the Association</p> <p>SS said the Association needs to expand as grants are disappearing and need to become self-sufficient. MSDC may support this year with a Grant, but not the TC but they may consider specific projects.</p>
10.	<p>Questions</p> <p>Jackie Pinney: Asked about the Mural. SS said a design had been proposed and it was very bright.</p> <p>If it proceeds it will go on the Wall of Agora at the top of Cantelupe Road. It is a listed building and in a conservation area, however the conservation officer likes it.</p> <p>It would cover the whole wall.</p> <p>He said a lot has been done in Brighton and its now a tourist attraction and gets people to the streets.</p> <p>Funding: needs to be raised and the mural approved. In early stages.</p> <p>Marmite project.</p> <p>Bob Mainstone: Asked if we have approached the Courier about having a regular feature about the EGBA. SS said they are working on building relationships with them and they are becoming more favourable. Had talked about a regular article. Felt better for individual businesses to be covered. SS Said they do try to get a balance, although suggested it could do more.</p> <p>Fiona Friend: asked if we had a Press Officer. SS said no.</p> <p>She said she may be able to assist with this.</p> <p>SS Said he was on BBC TV about the Bluebell Railway.</p> <p>Has articles in Sussex living and other local magazines about the EGBA.</p> <p>EG Living has a barometer detailing the funding for the McIndoe Statue.</p>
11.	<p>Next Networking Events</p> <p>La Farola on Monday 10th February from 6-8pm.</p> <p>Breakfast Buzz meeting at Cophorne Gatwick on 25 February 7.30-9.30am.</p>
	<p>AGM closed at 7pm.</p>

