

# THE CRESIDENTS

## OF WIMBLEDON PARK

### Minutes of AGM held on 20 June 2024 at 8.00pm at 17 Crescent Gardens

#### 1. Attendees

Present: Beate Eberhardt, Melisa MacDonagh, Tom Riddell, Susanna and Aron Thompson, Ute and Douglas Dallimer, Lisa Graa-Jensen, Alain Hendrich and Vincent O'Sullivan

Apologies: Rich Catton, Janet Thurtell.

#### 2. Minutes of previous AGM

The Chair (Aron Thompson) opened the meeting, welcoming everyone.

Comments on the minutes of the last AGM, held on 12 October 2022 were invited. These had been published on The Cresidents website. The minutes were adopted as a true record.

#### 3. Chair's Report

Aron reported on matters from the year to 31 December 2023, in particular the wine tasting held in November and the Christmas tree lighting up ceremony held at the start of December.

#### 4. Presentation of accounts

Aron presented main details from the events, and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, which had been published on the website, noting:

- the balance held at the start of the year (ie 1 January 2023) was £3,674;
- the balance held at the end of the year (ie 31 December 2023) was £3,373;
- the most significant item was the wine tasting (and auction) which had a total revenue of £1,287 and expenses of £868;
- annual events insurance had cost £280, which was over £100 more than previous years. Tom explained that this was because he had asked for public liability cover to be increased from £1m to £5m;
- the collections at the lighting up ceremony were £82, which was better now that the Cresidents had a card reader. Costs had been £242 which were significantly lower than the previous year (£785) because of the change to LED light projection, which did not need the cherry picker and council parking reservation for installation, and because the music equipment had not been hired as in previous years, instead being lent by Harry Reagan and Fabian Williams, set up by Fabian;
- website charges were £144; and
- the net deficit for the year was £301. At its height The Cresidents held over £10,000, which was as a result of the fundraising for the campaign for a lift at Wimbledon Park station. In most years The Cresidents had donated the profits from the wine tasting auction to a local charity such as St Raphael's Hospice, but last year the committee had decided to retain the auction profit to slow the reduction in funds held, rather than run it down much further. The committee aimed to keep the funds held roughly at the current level. This was also the main reason for the change in Christmas lights, although the logistical difficulties in using the old system as the tree became even bigger was also a factor.

The meeting agreed the accounts.

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### 5. Future Events

The meeting discussed ideas for events for the rest of this year, with the committee to take the ideas forward:

- Street tree trimming – the council had arranged some trimming but it had not been completed, and a number of the local street tree branches obstructed the footpaths below head height. Suggestion is to hold a trimming session, say 3pm on a Sunday towards the end of July, for volunteers to complete the job, perhaps with drinks afterwards. Committee to agree details.
- Burger night at the Woodman, potentially in August.
- Wine Tasting in the first two weeks of October.
- Christmas lighting up ceremony – agreed to hold as usual (a Saturday in the last week of November/first week of December). The meeting discussed the merits of the new system of Christmas lights. Tom explained that although they were not as bright as the old system, they had the advantage of being considerably cheaper to put up, and now that they were purchased, it would actually cost nothing next Christmas. It was agreed that the same system will be used again, notwithstanding they were not as impressive as the old lights. Tom confirmed that it would be relatively easy to set up - last year Douglas had shown him how to put up the star, and Aron assisted with shrub clearing and the LED light post.
- Treasure hunt for children. Alain had circulated some ideas which the meeting liked. Issues of when, and how to ensure sufficient children, (expand invite to Wimbledon Park WhatsApp group etc) were discussed.
- Quiz Evening. Beate explained that when she had previously organized quiz nights, it had been difficult to get sufficient interest to make it viable without relying on groups from outside the Cresidents.
- Street Parties. Vincent liked the low key street party held during covid, where neighbours came out to greet each other, which involved no great organising burden or cost. Committee to consider.
- Christmas Drinks. Last year's had not been very well attended. It was agreed to try holding New Years drinks in early January 2025 instead.

### 6. Election of Committee Members

Aron advised that the current committee and trustee members were Aron, Susanna, Beate, Tom, Mel, Janet and Rich. Aron invited nominations for committee and trustee membership for the coming year. In the absence of any new nominations, the meeting approved the existing members to continue for the current year.

It was noted that in addition there were a number of individuals who did not want to commit to being committee members, but were willing to be called on for help whenever an event was taking place.

### 7. AOB

There being no other business, Aron thanked attendees for coming. The meeting closed at 8.50pm.