

Prior to the opening of the meeting proper Mr Alec Mellor was initiated into the Club taking the Pickwickian name and character of Dowler.

Ben Allen acting as Mr Pickwick and in the chair opened the meeting amidst general hubbub and disorder. The toast to Pickwick was drunk, followed by introduction of visitors.

The D.C. introduced a number of the members to the visitors before the appointed hour for remembering absent friends arrived and following that ceremony completed introductions. The toast to the visitors was drunk. Continuing lack of order marred the proceedings. ■

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Daniel Grummer in a fine style which drew general approval.

Joe the fat boy drew formal attention to the high standard of the presentation of the minutes and took the opportunity of "matters arising" to bring certain points about members unPickwickian behaviour to the meetings attention. Meeting No 928 was quoted as an example of true Pickwickian style.

Snubbin interjects proposing passing of minutes — so done.

General hubbub again erupts and through it Joe was heard again upbraiding conduct and procedure. He complained that it was out of order for George Nupkins to be appointed as Chairman for the remainder of the session in the manner he was. The uproar was finally silenced by Nupkins himself complimenting the minute writer on his work and noting that it was the best since he himself was minute writer some years before.

The fat boys various points were deferred for discussion at the AGM.

Dodson presented an apology for Syrus Bantam's absence and announced the next meeting on 17th March.

Considerable uproar delayed the start of the reading which was conducted ably by Joe. The inquisition was dispensed with finally after opposing voices had been allowed to disjoint the meeting for some minutes.

Any other business brought a debate on badges. Pickwick demanded to know the whereabouts of the die for the production of MPC badges — a call was made for a letter to be sent to Fogg who it was alleged had it.

Snubbin allowed some bickering on this subject before being inspired to give a lecture on commercial practice culminating in an assurance that the die will be in the possession of one Fatterim — Pickwick asserts Fogg still has it. More uproar and the matter was not resolved.

The toast to C.D. was drunk and raffle conducted followed by vote of thanks to Chair and Vice.

Buzz fuzz and Ben Allen volunteer to provide next meetings victuals.

Good neet was sung.

£0.90 from fine box

£2. 30 from raffle

£2.00 kitty surplus.