

Minutes of the 110th Annual General Meeting of the Manchester Pickwick Club held at the Moorside Social Club on 20th April, 2016

The meeting was opened at 8.01.

Dodson announced that in accordance with the usual practise, the AGM would be a free evening and claimed that Snodgrass' thinking that the club only have free evenings when he is absent was not correct although it was clear that he would attend if told in advance that the evening would be free. Snodgrass accepted he had taken advantage of the free evening at the last AGM, adding that the thought of another free evening was the only reason he was attending this year!

Grummer announced that if Pickwick was still alive, he would be 180 years old this year. Tupman added that Pickwick Papers didn't really excite the general public until the introduction of Sam Weller.

The Secretary's report outlined attendance records and referred to the loss of Ben Allen during the year although that name had been allocated to a new member, Terry Hand. He added that numbers had remained steady but generally lower than in 2015. He also referred to his health problems during the year for which he had been receiving treatment and told members about Dodson's accident which had also required hospital treatment.

The 2015 treasurer's report was presented by Dodson and was approved by the members; he pointed out that profits were down this year because Snodgrass had been present at two free evenings!

The following appointments were agreed for the coming year:

Pickwick	Mr Pott
President	Daniel Grummer
Vice chairman	Alfred Jingle
Secretary	Peter Magnus
Treasurer	Dodson
Asst treasurer	Mivins
Minute writer	Mivins
Asst minute writer	Snodgrass
DC	Tupman
Asst DC	Grummer
POR & I	Snodgrass
MD	Alfred Jingle
Mace Bearer	Ben Allen

Entertainment Officers	Dodson & Tupman
Fines Officer	Jack Hopkins
Asst fines officer	Rev Stiggins
Photographer	Tupman
Web master	Peter Magnus
POCs	To be appointed on the night

There was the usual long discussion about agendas and whether anything should be changed but eventually it was agreed that the agendas should remain unchanged; Mr Pott agreed to reprint the agendas.

Several members agreed to attend a race meeting on 25th April and would meet at the Henry Boddington public house at 11.30 a.m.

'Good Neet Owd Friends' was sung by all and followed by the National Anthem.

The raffle raised £5.00 whilst the Fines Box contained £5.31.