**Lisbon Casuals Clube de Hóquei**

**Annual General Meeting – 30th September 2017**

**Estádio Nacional (Auditório Piscinas)**

1. **Apologies**:

Tim Munnion (TM) opened the meeting at 14.45 with a quorum of 50% of members.

Tony Pringsheim (TP) had received apologies from 7 members (proxy holders in brackets): Alexa Kodde (Jerry Harris - JH), Claudia Fidalgo (João Miguel Freitas - JMF), Hans Kodde (TM), Herman Green (TP), Joe Kodde (Peter Nabney - PN), Michael Kodde (James Harrison - JaH), Mo Morris (Kai Wenzel - KW).

TM informed the meeting that John Dunsmore, one of the Club’s longest standing members and a previous Captain of the Oporto British Club’s Hockey section, had passed away during the night: he asked that the Club’s respects be entered in the Minutes.

2. **Approval of the 2016 AGM Minutes**:

JaH proposed and JH seconded a motion that the Minutes of the 2016 AGM be taken as read: this was unanimously approved.

3. **Executive Committee President Report**:

PN reported that membership had dropped from 86 to 76 with the loss of 10 Juniors last season. However, we had ended the season €500 ahead of the Budget. Highlights had been the Ladies sweeping the boards, winning all the domestic silverware. The Club had hosted the European Indoor Ladies III championship and come a very credible 4th: he thanked JMF and his organising team, and JaH for bringing in sponsors.

On the playing side, the Men had had a difficult season with such a young team after losing some key players to overseas moves. The Juniors had kept our ambitions alive to have a next generation of players and he thanked the parents as enablers. The Vets were thriving, with a stable membership. The Pringsheim Cup format had seemed a great success, playing all the games on one afternoon and making it a real Club day. A number of Casuals players had represented Portugal during the season at all levels, highlighted with Joe, Nikky and Miguel Ralha in the World League Round 1 event in Scotland. He had signed a Protocol with the Estádio Nacional for a 25% discount on all training rental. The website had been upgraded and there had been a move to LC apps for internal communication.

Challenges for the 2017/18 season included: attaining financial stability and attracting a replacement sponsor for ING; E&Y would continue for this season. Retrieving the Mens team: defection to the new Casa Pia team(s) had created a hole too large to fill and, with no coach, there had been no choice but to withdraw the team from competition. The Ladies European Indoor 2018 event would be played in Slovenia. Enabling, within our financial means, playing opportunities for members: for the coming months we had indoor/outdoor sessions every night of the week. Supporting JMF’s initiative in creating a hockey academy for young players as an eventual feeder into the Casuals. Exploring ways to provide better insurance cover for non-Federated players or even replacing FPH cover if the franquia can be reduced. Working with the Estádio to improve pitch facilities and markings for 6-a-side. Longer term, looking at potential new pitch locations with Cascais Council.

JMF explained that the Academy would start with under-8s in two schools in Alvide (indoor only): he would be overseeing the teachers, and the children would only join the Club once they turned 15. TM congratulated him on this initiative.

KW reminded PN that Portugal had hosted the European U-21 Indoors in January, with a 1/3 of the squad being Casuals players.

4. **Team Captains’ Reports**:

Ladies – Angela Lima (AL): the Ladies had fulfilled their promises from the beginning of the season and had won all the National competitions they had entered. Many young players had been drafted into the team, but they were good players and would fit in.

Men – JMF: the Men had started with many U18 and younger players but, as the season progressed, parents had been unwilling to let them travel to away games: with no guarantee of a minimum of 14 players, there was no point in entering the league this season. On top of this, Casuals had entered the Indoor league with just 7 players (one of them the very young Alfredo). At least we hadn’t come last in either indoor or outdoor leagues.

Juniors – JaH: James explained that the Juniors had dropped from 36 to 26 members. The U18s had come 3rd Indoors, but only the Fase Final had been played outdoors. The U18s had basically played with the Men. The U15s had found it difficult competing outdoors and indoors against Ladies’ teams.

Veterans – (JH): the Veterans had a stable group of players, and were becoming increasingly successful against their most regular opponent – Belenenses. He had now stepped down as captain, and Adérito Merencio and KW would be taking over as joint captains.

5. **Report & Approval of Accounts for Year ended July 2017**

JH explained that the €1480 surplus had been achieved mainly by spending less, especially on pitch rental. The Protocol with the Estádio, providing a 25% reduction had helped, and the hosting of the European Indoor Championships had shown an €86 profit.

TM quoted from the Fiscal Committee’s Report: “we recommend approval of the management accounts for the year ended 31st July 2017 …”. JMF proposed, AL seconded and the Accounts were approved unanimously.

TM also mentioned the Fiscal Committee’s “gratitude to the Treasurer (JH) … and to Herman Green, who is stepping down at this AGM”.

6. **Budget Proposal for 2017/2018**

JH thanked JaH for producing the Balance Sheet, and JaH explained the improvements in the Funds and the stability.

JH assumed that, without entering a Men’s team, the Federation reimbursement of the €450 would not be available this season. However, without the Men, the relevant Federation costs would be reduced. Ernst & Young had confirmed their continued sponsorship for this season.

Acceptance of the Budget was proposed by JaH, seconded by JMF and approved unanimously. TM registered a big thank you to all those looking after the Club’s finances.

7. **Approval of Subscriptions for 2017/2018**

The EC were not proposing any increase in subscriptions for the coming season. Acceptance of the current subs was proposed by JaH, seconded by Steve Fernandes and approved unanimously.

8. **Election of Fiscal Committee Member**

Subject to a check on a possible conflict of interest with his role on the Umpiring committee, the addition of Rui Figueiredo to the Fiscal Committee was proposed by JaH, seconded by PN and approved by majority. \*

The promotion of Steve Fernandes to President of the Fiscal Committee was proposed by JMF, seconded by AL and carried unanimously.

9. **Any Other Business**

JMF asked that the AGM be held at the end of each season: as the preparation of the Accounts made this impossible, it was agreed AGMs should be held nearer the beginning of September.

KW felt that bookings for Veterans’ matches needed to be longer than one hour, so that the pitch could be properly watered at halftime: PN agreed to act on this.

TM thanked the EC for their work for the Club and closed the meeting at 15.55.~

\* *Postscript to the Minutes*: Since the AGM, Rui Figueiredo has confirmed that the FPH sees no conflict of interest in his appointment to the Fiscal Committee.