

Animals know when to curl up and avoid the worse wintry conditions. On the other hand, about a dozen hardy souls braved the driving snow to attend the Annual General Meeting recently.

It couldn't have been the prospect of a closely fought election either!

So the Chairman welcomed them warmly and after allowing a couple of minutes grace for any stragglers (none!) got on with the business of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated and were unanimously approved without amendment – and no matters arising.

As there was no Secretary, the chairman gave a brief review of the last year. He noted that attendance at meetings had increased and that no changes to the programme of talks had been required.

The Club Open Evening as part of the Penarth Festival in July had seen many more visitors from the public than before - including the Mayor.

As Chairman he thanked his committee for their support and noted special thanks for Jean Thomas and Ron Price who were standing down from the committee this year. To be successful, any club needs the active participation by its members in all manner of small tasks. Such helpfulness contributes toward the club's reputation as the Friendly Club.

The Treasurer's audited report for the year ended 31st August 2009 was also submitted by the Chairman.

The Balance Sheet indicated a healthy cash reserve and no increase in membership fee was necessary. The meeting was advised that the hall rental had increased to acknowledge a much improved storage facility.

Nevertheless there would be no increase in the annual membership fee and no increase in the meeting fees.

The report was adopted unanimously.

There followed the election of the committee that now consists of:

Chairman: Howard Desmond

Vice Chairman: Steve Viney

Treasurer: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

Auditor: Mrs Sue Seymour

Committee Members:

Mrs Rhona Boudier

Mike Finlay

Mike Jakob

Mrs. Eileen Younghusband.

The chairman will continue to act as Secretary and the committee will deal with the tasks required of the Treasurer if no volunteer is forthcoming.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed and everybody rapidly retreated to their respective firesides.

The next meeting will be on 26th January when our community bobby, Jenna Hargreaves will be giving a talk on her involvement and the website yourbobby.com.

Visitors and new members always welcome. For more information ring Howard on 029 20708439.

