**Minutes of the Wakefield and District Wargamers AGM held on 27th April 2015**

**Present:**

1. Parkin; D. Churm; T. Kohler; A. Pinder; C. Jackson;

M. Sharp; J. Ellis; B. Darby; J. Smith; A. Hinchcliffe;

T. Morgan; I. Harris.

**Apologies:**

J. Dean and S. Lowe.

1. The President welcomed the members and formally opened the meeting.
2. There being only one candidate for each of the four posts, the current President, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected, nem. con.
3. The Secretary read out the minutes prepared by the former Secretary, M. Sharp in respect of the2014 AGM. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the last AGM.
4. **Matters arising:**
5. The Treasurer pointed out that no payment had in fact been made to a “landmine” charity. Mr. Darby suggested that the payment be made now to The Halo Trust. This was formally proposed by the Secretary, and seconded by the Chair. Passed, nem. con.
6. The President reported that we had participated in the Church’s day of remembrance in respect of the First World War, games being put on by the President and Mr. Smith. The feeling was that we had been well received; the Secretary had written expressing our thanks that we had been allowed to take part, and offering to participate in any future event. No reply has been received.
7. **Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer explained the meaning of the accounts, which he had circulated earlier. He complimented the president on keeping the costs of Recon virtually the same in 2014 as in 2013. He believed we had been slightly down on numbers attending compared with the previous year; but the income was slightly up. The operating profit had been £1,383.42. The subs had gone down – probably a reflection on the growing number of unwaged members. All creditors for 2014 had now been paid; we had paid out £446 on miscellaneous purchases during the year. As a result, we had our biggest deficit ever. However, this was as a result of a conclusion that we had a substantial sum of money in the account, and that it was appropriate to use more of it. On reflection, perhaps more planning should have gone into the acquisition of the “Saga” figures and rules; but the consensus was that we had had a good discount on the purchase price and had acquired a valuable asset, which has seen regular use. A brief discussion took place on the games and figures we held, and whether they should be insured. The chair agreed to liaise with the Church to see if we were likely to be covered by their policy; and Mr Darby and the President agreed to carry out a stock check. A payment had not yet been made to “Help for Heroes”; agreed this should be done. The treasurer said we still hold a tax fund. No demand had been made of us, but prudence counselled we should retain the fund. The report was accepted. The chair thanked Mr Pinder for all his hard work; Mr Sharp proposed a formal vote of thanks; Mr. Kohler seconded it; passed unanimously.
8. **Recon 2014 report; Recon 2015:** The President reported that it looked as if we had been a few people down. The traders were generally happy, but there has been a slight decline. The President suggested that perhaps we should return to putting an advert in a wargames magazine for 2015. A formal vote of thanks was proposed for all the President’s hard work on Recon; proposed by the chair; seconded by the Treasurer; passed unanimously.
9. **Legendary Games Offer:** Mr Smith reported that he had received a letter from Legendary Games at Church Fenton, offering us a discount over three sessions. The consensus was that although we would continue subsidising trips, this would be on an ad hoc basis, rather than entering into a three year deal. It was proposed by Mr Ellis and seconded by Mr Sharp that we would provide a subsidy not exceeding £450 for a trip by members later this year. This was carried 10 for and 1 against.
10. **Constitution:** The Secretary said that he believed we should revise the constitution. It required the Secretary to provide members with a copy of the “Club Rules” each AGM; however, no such rules existed. Although the constitution contained references to “members”, no formal definition of a “member” was included. This could cause problems in the event of the club being called upon to pay a greater sum in tax than we had made provision for; or should the club have to be wound up and its assets distributed. Similarly, there was no formal provision for the expulsion of a member who behaved in an unacceptable manner. While this had never been an issue in the past, there was no guarantee that this would not be the case in the future. The Secretary therefore offered to prepare a draft constitution within the next four weeks, to be reviewed by the officers. Proposed – Mr Darby; seconded, Mr Ellis; carried nem. con.
11. **Fridays:** As a result of work carried out for the Church by the Chair, we had been offered four free Fridays, which could be tacked on to Saturday sessions. Agreed we would take July 17th; August 14th; October 16th and December 18th. A vote of thanks to the Chair for his hard work for the Church, which had secured the free days was proposed by the Treasurer, seconded by the President, and carried unanimously.
12. **Other Business:**
13. **Charitable donations.** The President proposed we make a donation of £100 to the Royal Voluntary Service, which he said was essentially a charity for the elderly (The Secretary suggested that in view of the advanced years of many of our members, we should cut out the middleman and give directly; sadly, there was a lack of support for this helpful suggestion). The Secretary seconded the President’s proposal; passed unanimously.
14. **Subscriptions.** The treasurer pointed out that our current subscription is at a very low level – and proposed it be increased to £2 per Monday and £4 per Saturday. The chair proposed that this be deferred and looked at in the round, as part of the revision of the constitution. The secretary seconded this; passed nem. con.
15. **The date** of the next AGM was not set.