

Broadstone Royal British Legion Club

Committee Report on 2020 in lieu of the 74th Annual General Meeting - held virtually by the Committee during January 2021.

1 Chairman's Report

After a very difficult 12 months, I would like to thank all our members who have kept their membership current and supported the club. As I have mentioned before without your support there is no club.

As regards to the lease, we finally agreed to the terms presented to us by the RBL early last Autumn and signed 6 weeks later. Due to situation since then, we still await the completion statement, which I inquire about on a monthly basis.

Finally, I would like to thank my very hard-working committee, who have been working on a number of projects, so when we are able to reopen things will hopefully run as smoothly as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the not to distant future.

2 Secretary's Report.

As the newest officer of the committee following the resignations of Steve Gray, Mike Friberg and Nick Bush, I wanted to start by thanking the original committee who led the club through the very difficult start to the year in both resolving the tenancy renewal and of course the original COVID lockdowns.

For COVID, the committee had to close the club in a timely manner, maintain the club whilst closed and re-open following all the new guidelines. Since then, we have had to close again and now wait to see what the future holds for a re-opening date.

We also must thank all the staff for their dedication during this period, their willingness to not only follow the rules but also try and maintain discipline amongst the members to follow the rules. Other than a few minor instances, the club membership were diligent in following the rules.

3 Approval of minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM from Jan 2020 were approved

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4 Committee Nominations

Due to the circumstances we find ourselves in, it was proposed that no AGM be formally held and that the current committee continue for another year. This approach was advised by the RBL and was communicated to members during December. As there were no objections received, the current committee as detailed below will continue until Jan 2022. At this point all positions will be open for nomination.

Name	Position
Leonard Bucknall	President
Tony Clarke	Chairman (appointed Jan 2020)
Colin Campbell	Vice-Chairman (appointed Nov 2020)
Mark Jefferson	Secretary (appointed Nov 2020)
Mark Rowlands	Treasurer (appointed Jan 2020)
Mark Aldridge	Committee Member (appointed Jan 2019)
Lynn Burrard	Committee Member (appointed Jan 2019)
Gary Slade	Committee Member (appointed Jan 2019)
Donna Brown	Committee Member (appointed Jan 2020)
Paul Oliver	Committee Member (appointed Jan 2020)
Gordon Talbot	Committee Member (appointed Jan 2020)

5 Premises Updates.

- During the first Lockdown, it was a busy time with maintenance issues, especially water leaks, blocked drains etc.
- The worst fault being that of a leak in the ladies toilet which had been leaking for some time. This led to it leaking through the wall into the main club area causing damage to the plaster, furniture and carpet.
- Furniture had to be dismantled and removed to enable carpets to be dried out, cleaned and new underlay. Thanks to all that helped with this, especially Lynn with his carpet cleaning machine.
- Various outside Flood lights have also been replaced, thanks to Mark.R for his help with this

6 Kitchen & Restaurant

The process of finding a new chef for the restaurant was put on hold due to the lockdowns. The search continues and hopefully the new restaurant will be ready for the general club opening. We will keep the members informed after further progress has been made

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7 Thanks

Specific thanks need to go to the following people:

- Sarah Wilkins for organising sports Quiz, darts and snooker
- Chris Burt for the General knowledge quiz
- Mark Aldridge for general maintenance of club property
- Julie Clarke, Gary Slade and Donna Brown for arranging entertainment
- Sarah Thompson for managing the club membership – she continues to do this on a voluntary basis and it is much appreciated

8 Treasurer's Report

We have had a turbulent year within 2020, with closure for a total of 6 months meaning our trading is down significantly.

With this in mind however the overall figures for the year are showing good signs with only a £9831.00 Net Loss. The net Loss in 2019 was £32202.00. Staffing costs were substantially lower due to the furlough scheme, which has helped keeping the club's costs down.

This can be shown as being down to reduced bar sales, reduced income on gaming machines and snooker tables.

It could be assumed that the figures for when we were open were encouraging, we have made some changes within the operating of the club which when we reopen will give us a better understanding of the club turnover.

The rent has not yet been requested at the new rate, this will next year have a big impact, and we as a committee are looking at new ways to encourage members to use the club more.

The end of year account stands at £287,438.00, enabling us to remain optimistic for this year when we are allowed to reopen.

Full details of the Report of the officers and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2020 are available for members who wish to see it – please email the club and I will provide a copy. A copy can also be found on the notice board when we re-open

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- Bar and Point of Sale

We have installed a new Bar Management System from County EPOS. This has allowed a general improvement in the software, linked the kitchen till to the main system and offers us opportunities for future enhancements including items like an app, table ordering, payment via the app. These will be looked at after re-opening as to which extra features we wish to implement in the future.

- Adoption of the Accounts.

The committee adopted the accounts end 30 September 2020.

9 Membership Report

There has been the usual fluctuations in member numbers this year but overall membership continues to hover around the 1000 mark.

Sarah has continued to streamline the process and is now educating the new secretary (MJ) in the system so that hopefully going forward, she does not need to do it all.

Members can renew directly via Bank Transfer and the details of the account are on the web-site

10 Any Other Business

A reminder to all members of the following communication means:

Website - <http://www.broadstonelegion.co.uk/>

Membership mail address: membership@broadstonelegion.co.uk

General Club Email: broadstonelegion@gmail.com

We also have a facebook page which can be found via our website or by direct search on the platform.

We wish all our members best wishes during these turbulent times, keep safe and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in due course.