



The Sarsen Club AGM 2018
Minutes – 23rd October 2018

Attendance:

Andreas Kalogerou
Harmeet Singh Brar
Marcus Jenkins
Matty Courtcliff
Alex Corbet
Steve Phillips

Mike Boddy
John Iles
Ryan Hartley
David Little
Duncan Scott
Rob Kimber

Mitch Bryan
Philip Bullock
Simon Leighfield
Des Morgan
Apologies
Gary Logie & Gary Cook

1. Chairman, David Little welcomed all members and guests.
 - a. PGM for Wiltshire, Philip Bullock, gave thanks to all club members and congratulated them on the work they had achieved.
2. David Little recapped on the past year and a half. He mentioned all of the events we have organised and taken part in. He spoke about the popularity of some events compared to others and how we could improve numbers. The club took part in 12 lodge visits throughout the province supporting club members through their different degrees.
 - a. Over 12 social events were attended during the year to. Highlighted was the Apollo Uni trip to Oxford and PGL lodge meeting. Mitch Bryan thanked PG Orator for his work in organising a banner with the SC logo and a short paragraph on what we do. This was displayed at the PGL meeting in October.
 - b. The social network and PGL website was discussed to some length. 8 enquiries from the PGL website club page received and acted upon in the last year. All enquiries have been dealt with by the club secretary.
3. David Little shared his thoughts regarding the PGL website and how it wasn't being utilised to its full capacity. It was felt that it was difficult to find on the PGL website and needed updating immediately and regularly. Mitch Bryan said he would evaluate the clubs website page and present the clubs thoughts and position on it back to PGL.
 - a. The clubs open facebook account has 70 likes and the closed pages for members has 47.
 - b. The twitter account has 612 followers
 - c. Instagram has 113 followers.

Duncan Scott brought up a good point regarding what the clubs boundaries were with regards to social media. A valid point to which the Chairman-elect, Ryan Hartley, made clear that our social media principles were inspiration, education and fun.
4. Our current club stats as of the 2018 AGM were 61 members. Mitch Bryan made the point that of those 61 there's only a core 20 who were regularly seen and that we must work on. It was mentioned that a club membership fee should be introduced which would include a club tie(pending approval), lapel pin and other items.

5. Voting of committee members commenced. David Little explained his reasons for stepping down as chairman. New and continuing members are as follows:
 - New Chairman Ryan Hartley
 - Cont. Secretary Mitch Bryan
 - New Treasurer Duncan Scott
 - New Asst Secretary Rob Kimber
 - New Social Secretary Harmeet Singh Brar
 Five new committee positions were made available to help the committee with tasks, organisation and ideas. These were put to vote to those present and the results were as follows:
 - Andreas Kalogerou
 - Marcus Jenkins
 - Mike Boddy
 - Matty Courtcliff
 - Alex Corbet

After the vote, new chairman, Ryan Hartley, began by thanking his predecessor David Little for his years of service and the amount he had achieved. He also thanks club secretary for his ongoing efforts.

6. David went through the clubs core objectives and comment was made on each.
 - **Education** – As covered previously, the Masonic workshops had be not been attended well by club members. Mitch bought up the 2019 plans for the club where talks and informational evening/mornings were to be held for all brethren to learn more about the craft and other side degrees. These events would be organised by the club. Philip Bullock mentioned that UGLE were rolling out ‘Solomon’, an interactive online learning platform to assist in learning. David Little highlighted his new role as Provincial Mentor and how he can help the club with it’s education endeavours going forward.
 - **Support** – Club support, member to member, was strong and working well. Lodge visits and club events helped the committee meet a vast amount of members. Improvements were to be made but committee felt support was more than provided.
 - **Lowering the average age of the Province** – Philip spoke first about the average age of the Province being .

The PGM went on to mention that Wiltshire does well amongst a lot of other Provinces with regards to younger brethren.

Duncan Scott felt that the club using the PGL recruitment caravan could be beneficial throughout varied events in Wiltshire.

Des Morgan thought that a mixture of both older and younger brethren was key to optimising the recruitment of all ages. Des also made a point of explaining the responsibilities with using the caravan i.e. towing, costs at events and location.

Our new chairman put forward how he really wanted to ensure a personal touch on recruitment was established within the club. Meeting potential members for a drink or similar to go through what’s required etc. and being there every step of the way.

Steven Philips thanked the club for helping him as a new mason. He mentioned that it wasn’t always easy integrating with some of the older brethren and the club offered a place for likeminded masons to get to know one another.

Marcus Jenkins asked if anyone can join the closed facebook group. Mitch informed him that the group was for mainly club members and Provincial officers if they wished to join.

7. Lodge representatives are to be established in all lodges if applicable and masonic centres. The rep would be the first point of contact for each possible applicant. This is to be rolled out ASAP.

8. Assistant PGM, Simon Leighfield, said he was spreading the word at every given opportunity during lodge meetings and at the festive board.

Steve Philips mentions that he felt his lodge mentor wasn't doing enough in the way of guiding him and helping him.

Harmeet mentioned that in Hampshire, when members of the lodge are asked to leave during lodge that younger brethren go out with them. This, he felt, gave the younger members a more relatable touch.

Ryan Hartley asked the PGL team about giving greetings during lodge. It was reaffirmed by Des Morgan that this wasn't to happen and a simple word with the secretary or WM before lodge was suitable. A mention could then be given.

9. Ideas were shared for educational events. Des made the members aware of the Preceptors Page on the PGL website and that we should promote this amongst the members.

David Little said how he could promote a question panel whereby notable PGL officers could sit on a panel and discuss varied subjects. Ryan Hartley thought adding some younger club members to this 'question time' like panel could rouse good conversation.

10. PGM Philip Bullock mentioned that the Wadworth Brewery tour was a great day out and highly recommended it.

Duncan Scott mentioned that he was in the process of opening up the Masonic lodge on Crane Street in Salisbury purely for a social experience. Families and friends were invited to attend.

Mitch Bryan thanked all brethren for their continued support with the club and especially those who travel up and down the Province to attend events.

11. The club tie was once again brought up. The PGM was more than happy for the club to design and present one to him. He mentioned that the Province was due to change its current tie so suggested we wait to manipulate the Province tie slightly once it had been designed.

Club member Harmeet, mentioned his connection to a regalia supplier and how he could get us a good price of club memorabilia. Harmeet agreed to hear all proposals regarding regalia including quantity and cost and to see if he could help the club with reducing costs.

12. AOB

John Iles asked a great question with regards to what tie to wear when visiting other lodges and provinces. Des Morgan, once again provided him and the other members with the answer.

The PGM thanked outgoing chairman David Little for all his efforts since the birth of the club. He also mentioned that the club has the Provinces full backing in the bid for the NYMC conference in 2020.

Simon Leighfield followed the PGM by also thanking David.

Chairman Ryan asked Des for a column in the 'Across the Plain' magazine. Des said that the monthly online newsletter would be far more beneficial and current.

Mitch Bryan and Rob Kimber presented David Little with an engraved tankard as a thank you for his last four years as chairman on behalf of the club.

New Chairman, Ryan Hartley stated:

Brethren, I would like to thank you all for your support to become the Sarsen Clubs new chairman. It is a great honour and privilege and I will do all I can to help to collectively develop a thriving young mason community here in Wiltshire.

I would also like to reiterate our gratitude to our founder David Little for the amazing work and effort he has put into shaping the Sarsen Club to what it is today. We will continue to build the club from his firm foundation and no doubt call upon his support throughout the year.

I look forward to our first committee meeting and am excited for the year ahead.

He finally thanked all those who attended and closed the meeting accordingly.

Sincerely & Fraternaly yours,

Mitch Bryan
Secretary, The Sarsen Club