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Minutes of Meeting held on: 4TH September 2024 at Linlithgow Rose Club

WELCOME: President Neil Edwards welcomed all the members and visitor Mike McGuire. Murdoch Kennedy is a new member and was duly welcomed..

APOLOGIES:

George Bird; Alan Bennie; John Carsewell; David Elliot; Stuart Smith; Raymond Corr; Hugh Harkins; Jim & Dora Kelly; George Wilson; Donald Macdonald; Bert Lawson. Bill and Anne Duncan apologised that they would have to leave before the end of the talk.

ALMONERS REPORT

Garry reported that we had lost 2 members over the Summer. Robin Barr Hamilton had been a long-standing member although he hadn't been able to attend much in recent years. Eric Moffat died last week after a massive heart attack. His funeral is at West Lothian Crematorium at 11.00am followed by interment at Kingscavil Cemetary at 12.30 with a gathering and buffet at West Lothian Cricket Club. It was agreed that the Club would send a card to the family.

MATTERS ARISING

John reported that the screen had arrived and been installed. Although today's speaker wasn't going to show slides it was agreed that it would be a real benefit to the club. The Linlithgow Rose Social Club had written to thank the Club for having supplied the TV.

The sound system was used for the first time by the speaker and it was agreed that the aging membership would find it useful.

GarRy warned members that he had nearly been taken in by a scam when an email purporting to come from the President had quite credibly asked him to make a purchase. He pointed out that it was only after clicking on Neil's name in the 'From' box that he got the full address and realised it had nothing to do with Neil.

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No other business was raised.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

In Bert's absence through Covid, Neil introduced the speaker for the day, Jim Leishman who made a very entertaining talk entitled "From ball to chain". Jim took us from his early days growing up in Lochgelly, to his first job as an Apprentice Footballer with Dunfermline where he played against the greats of Scottish Football. Then he broke his leg – twice – and his playing days were over. He moved into

football management then, working his way up the leagues and managing various clubs culminating in Dunfermline and Livingston. He was then persuaded to stand as councillor in Fife and became Lord Provost. He is midway through his third term, which he assured us would be his last! He told us about some of his charitable work. His talk was entertaining even to those who were perhaps not so keen on football and made them aware, probably for the first time, of how powerful a football manager can be.

VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given by Garry Withnell who paid tribute to his very entertaining talk and was supported by the members in the usual manner.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th September when the speaker will be Jo Woolf talking about “Isobel Wylie Hutchison, A Botanist in the Arctic”

Chris Collen
Secretary
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