



Barham & District Horticultural Society

Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting held at the Barham Village Hall on 17th January 2011 at 7.00 pm

Present: Brig. M. Atherton (President) Dr. Tim Bines (Chairman), Mrs. P Austin (Treasurer), Mrs. G. McGuire (Secretary), Mrs. Jean Clough and Mr. B Wright (Show Secretaries), Committee Members : Mr. Andrew Clough, Mr. John Crothall, Mr. V Cracknell, Mrs. T Fleming, Mrs. L Oakey

Apologies: C Barber, Mr. T Cummings, Mrs. M Duke

President's Address:

The President opened the meeting and thanked the Chairman and Committee for their hard work during the last 12 months. He reported that the membership was stable and participation in all activities had been very good.

He asked members to remember those who had died during the last year, Poppy Deveson, Brenda Green and John McKenzie.

Minutes of the 2009 AGM

The minutes are a fair reflection of last year's meeting.

Proposed by Bill Oakey and seconded by Mimi Hoare, approved nem.com

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Mrs. P Austin pointed out that the financial situation is stable thanks to the increase in membership fees and because no outside Cateres were used for the shows. Outings were well attended and did not make any losses. A thank you goes to Richard Calderwood for approving the accounts.

Proposed by Bill Oakey and seconded by Wendi Atherton.

Election of Officers and Committee:

Chairman, officers and committee members, including one new committee member, Vic Cracknell were all duly elected en bloc. Proposed by Capt. Terry Freestone and seconded by Mrs. Valerie Carter.

Suggestions

Dave Davis suggested to move the AGM permanently to January to achieve better attendance and John

Crothall suggested to hold it again at the Barham Village Hall because of better parking.

Various suggestions for future outings were made, such as Wakehurst Place, Bedgebury Pinetum, Scotney Castle, Sheffield Park, Walmer Castle . A 'Gardeners' Question Time' was again suggested.

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A.O.B.

The Chairman suggested to appoint Mrs. Sue Clough as Honorary Vice President of the Society.

Proposed by Mrs. Gaby McGuire and seconded by Mrs. Wendi Atherton. Approved nem.com

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.; it was followed by a talk on 'Gardens Great and Small' by Dick Bolton, and members enjoyed a glass of wine and refreshments.