

WARSASH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY 2017

Present:

There were 65 members present and 3 visitors.

Apologies: None

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

The Chairman, Jill Milton, welcomed all present and was pleased to see such a good attendance. She gave news of the death in December of two of our members, Julie Whitehead and Barbara Pudney. She also mentioned the death of Roy Coleman earlier in the week.

Our Annual Social Evening at the Silver Fern was a great success and she thanked the members for their contributions to an excellent raffle.

She said that there had been a change of Speaker; after the formal part of the meeting, Rosemary Legrand would give a presentation on Idyllic Italian Gardens.

Minutes of last Annual General Meeting (27th January 2016)

Copies were available to members attending and there were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report: A copy of the report is on file. Jill reviewed the successful past year during which high membership and high attendance at meetings had continued. She thanked Rona and Jill Cuff for putting together an interesting and varied monthly programme. She spoke of our indispensable Plant Sale in May, our excellent Day and Evening Outings, and a successful Cheese and Wine evening. The year culminated in our very popular and enjoyable Dinner at the Silver Fern. She thanked the committee for all their considerable support over the last year.

Treasurer's Report: The audited accounts for 2016 were available to those attending. A copy is on file. Membership stands at 105 paid members plus 2 honorary members. We had 27 visitors. In her report Pam explained the figures and thanked all those involved in our invaluable May Plant Sale which raised our funds by £500.05 after expenses. The Annual Dinner, Cheese and Wine evening, and 2 Outings were self funding. As the Society again had an excess of income over expenditure the Committee can recommend the subscription remain at £12. She thanked Nick St.John for auditing the books.

Election of Officers for 2017:

Re-appointment of President and Vice President: Both Trevor Clarke and Dorothy Turner were willing to continue in post and the motion was carried.

Dorothy Turner then proposed Jill Milton be re-elected as Chairman and this was carried unanimously.

Jill Milton then proposed the re-election of Rona Neilson as Vice Chairman, Pam Whitfield as Treasurer, and Suzanne Holleyoak as Secretary. All were carried.

Election of Committee: Jill Cuff, Glenda Edmondson, Roz Garrett and Moira Lloyd were willing to continue in post and were duly re- elected.

Re-appointment of Auditor: Nick St. John was re-appointed as Auditor for 2017 and was thanked for auditing the accounts for 2016.

Presentation of Inskip Jug and Voucher to Flower of the Month Competition Winner:

The 2016 winner of this award and garden voucher for the second year running was Dr. John Burwell with 18 points. Rona Neilson was runner up with 17 points. Felicity Cory and Glenda Edmondson shared third place with 15 points each. The presentation was made by Jill Milton.

Any other business:

Concerning the present refurbishment of the Victory Hall, Jill Milton put forward a proposal that our Society's contribution towards requested fund raising could be the purchase by the Society of a notice board with plaque for the entrance lobby, cost not to exceed £500. This was approved by the members.

It was suggested by some members that 'Grace' should be said at future Annual Dinners. This was put to the members but a majority felt the venue not suitable for this and the motion was not carried.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.55p.m

Date of next Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 31st January 2018.

Signed.....Chairman

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