



Hayling Island Men's Shed Association

AGM

February 25th 2016

Minutes

The meeting opened at 14:05 and all members and guests were welcomed to this inaugural AGM.

Chairman's Report – Gerry Johnson

Gerry thanked everyone for their support in getting the Shed under way in such a short time. Particular thanks were given to the support from the URC in allowing us to have our meetings at the Church whilst a site was being sought for the Sheds permanent home.

He reported that a Constitution and set of aims had now been created and was looking for support from the floor to have this accepted.

He offered his willingness to stand for re-election to the Board of Trustees.

Rev. Heather Cadoux offered future support and use of the URC hall as a quiet meeting space. Thanks were offered from the floor to Gerry for stepping up to be Chairman and getting things under way.

Secretaries Report – Tony George

Most of my time over the initial few months has been spent setting up membership records and creating the associated paperwork and distribution lists. Most communication is via email and this saves a lot in time and costs.

Membership has risen surprisingly rapidly.

49 men have crossed the threshold.

29 are now paid up members.

We regularly have over 20 attending meetings, which is a great result for a shed without a shed.

(Members have also become involved in some outside projects including the RBL gardens, the Stead Ritchie Memorial Garden and the URC garden/allotment plot.)

I will just confirm that I am happy to continue in the role if elected.

Treasurers Report – Roy Cadoux

Roy reported that as of the 20th of January we had a bank account set up for the Hayling Island Men's Shed at Barclays.

It was estimated that at this time taking into account memberships received and a donation from Havant Borough Council that around £2000 was in the bank.

Roy stated his willingness to continue in the roll of Treasurer.

Andy Pottinger raised a point of interest for a group of southern area men's sheds. Alan Ball put forward that we should link in with this proposed southern men's shed association.

Election of Trustees

The Existing Board stood down and John Worley from Havant Men's Shed acted as pro-tem Chairman for the elections.

Prior nominations had been received for:-

Chairman – Gerry Johnson Proposed by David Chase, Jack Easson, David Jones, Richard Ross.

Secretary – Tony George Proposed by David Chase, Jack Easson, David Jones, Richard Ross.

Treasurer – Roy Cadoux Proposed by David Chase, Jack Easson, David Jones, Richard Ross.

Publicity – Tom Deans Proposed by David Jones.

Project Manager – Ron Harman Proposed by David Chase, David Jones.

There being no objections from the floor these were seconded and voted in unanimously.

Two further positions were discussed as follows:-

Webmaster – David Sidebotham Proposed by David Jones, Seconded by various & accepted

Fundraising Coordinator In the absence of a nominee, Melanie FitzGerald put herself forward to be seconded to help the Trustees in this role. Accepted.

Ratification of Constitution

The Constitution had previously been circulated and read by members. Its acceptance was requested.

Don Bates proposed that the Constitution be accepted without amendment. This was seconded by Alan Ball. Carried by all.

Independent Examiner

An examiner of accounts independent of the Board of Trustees was sought. Alan Ball proposed Don Bates. Seconded by Melanie FitzGerald this was carried.

Other Business

Points for discussion had been requested prior to the meeting and some had been submitted. These were discussed first and then the floor was opened.

Jack Easson asked; "If possible – a plan showing key activities with 'best guess' dates and dependencies from now 'till when HIMS will be 'open for 'business'".

Patrick Coleman suggested; "points of focus for ongoing projects to keep up momentum".

These suggestions were agreed in principal.

Points from the floor.

John Moore reported on the Stead Ritchie Memorial Garden

Melanie FitzGerald suggested a new article be written for inclusion in the Hayling Islander to update readers with the outcomes from the AGM.

With the plan of creating the men's shed within the grounds of the Hayling Royal British Legion:-

John Moore suggested using the existing shed at RBL to act as a temporary base to work from until funds are raised. Some work is already being offered which requires the use of a workshop.

Don Bates agreed and pointed out that it could be used for storage.

Gerry Johnson reported he had been offered tools from Hayling Hardware.

Tony Higham brought up the legal basis of negotiation with national RBL. Gerry Johnson agreed this was following procedures and that Public Buildings regulations were being looked into as it appears the shed will be classed as such. HIMS will take on Public Liability responsibility. Health & Safety considerations also need to be made for use of the site.

David Jones emphasized we are a 'members' organisation and not public, pointing out the difference regarding Health & Safety. Log sheets would be needed for users and projects. Shed will be subject to an agreed user licence with the RBL.

There being no further business all participants were thanked and the meeting closed at 15:15.