

Minutes of AGM on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at Uplyme Village Hall

Apologies Annie Kobus, Joanna Benke-Smith , Mark Walker, Rosemary Britton,

Minutes of last meeting. Taken as read.

Matters arising. Nothing to report.

Chairman's Report. To cover the last two years as there was no AGM last year due to Covid restrictions. These have hampered our usual activity and we are just now getting back to monthly talks and trips. We had a number of successful Zoom meetings, some garden visits and a successful summer show with over 1000 visitors. A surplus was achieved, and donations made to three local organisations as promised in the 2020 schedule. We now look forward to a more "normal" 2022 Show, and preparations are already in hand. A big thank you to Tricia and Lois for a monthly newsletter which helped to keep members involved and informed. As monthly meetings are re-established, it has been decided to cease the newsletters. Meetings and the website are now the primary route to communicate our activities to the membership. Three long-serving Committee members (Pam Corbin, John Routley and Rose Mock) stood down in 2020 and we thank them formally for their tremendous service to the Society. Two more retirements to report. Anita Routley has been Membership secretary for a number of years and has done a great job with increasing numbers. I shall be standing down as Chairman after four years – but will not be leaving the Committee and am confident for the future. We are always looking for more helpers.

Treasurer's Report. The statement of accounts 2019/2020 was distributed and explained by John Routley. Proposed by Alan Vian and seconded by Ken Gollop.

Election of officers and committee. President – Rose Mock proposed by Robin Britton, seconded by Monica Mellor Treasurer – Alan Vian proposed by Robin Britton, seconded by Jo Neave Secretary – Monica Mellor proposed by Rose Mock, seconded by Fiona Walker All elected. Present committee elected - Fiona Walker, Jo Benke-Smtih, Annie Kobus, Jenny Harding, Tricia Boyd, Jo Neave, Sue Hadcock– all happy to continue.

Appointment of auditor. David Edwards proposed by Alan Vian, seconded by Pam Corbin.

Amendment to Constitution – read by Robin Britton....

Clause 15 The Committee is authorised to make donations to non-horticultural causes it deems suitable, up to a maximum of £500 in any calendar year. Any such donations shall be reported to the AGM and approved at that meeting by a simple majority of the membership.

Query from a member to have the £500 per calendar year clarified. Robin Britton did this. Voting took place and the amendment was carried.

AOB Ken Gollop proposed a vote of thanks to all the committee for keeping the society going so well during the time of the Covid pandemic.

Robin Britton thanked everyone for their support and presents were given to Rose Mock, Pam Corbin, Anita and John Routley, Tricia Boyd, and Yvonne Marsh. One for Lois Wakeman will be delivered to her.

Meeting closed just before 8.00