

Church Crookham Garden Society

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting

24th February 2023

Apologies: Mike Speed, Tony Walker, Rob Brook, Celia Brook, Sandra Douglas, Sue Meek, Roger Greenhalgh.

Present: Margaret Smith, Shian and Paul Fethney, Jan and Will Parker, Peter Edwards, Judy Hawkett, Jim Hawkett, Sue and Alec Grant, Liz Kirton, Madina Smart, Helen Howard, Caroline Morris, Kevin Morris

1. Minutes and Matters Arising: Minutes approved: proposed Jim Hawkett, seconded, Will Parker – no matters arising

2. Chairman's Report and review of 2022 Summary: During the past year the society introduced talks on a variety of subjects (Pelargoniums, Butterflies, Royal Parks) which have been met with a good measure of success. It is intended to continue with talks across the year.

The first two talks will be on 'My life in Photography' by Kevin Ahronson and 'Heavenly Hostas' by Jim Baker.

Some of you will know Jim Baker from his butterfly talk last year. Together with his wife they run Hanging Hostas and hold the national collection.

Kevin Ahronson is the proprietor/tutor at the Hampshire School of photography He has travelled the world with numerous assignments. He's an engaging speaker with some amazing stories and photographs.

Ideas for further talks would be welcomed.

Last year saw an amazing turnout for the summer show with near-record entrance and entries. I would like to thank Peter Edwards for his work as show secretary. Peter has stood down from the committee and I would like to thank and I would like to welcome Jo Wilson who has taken up the role. Jo has made some amendments to the show schedules which have been published.

Towards the end of last year, Kevin Morris stepped up to take on the role of trading secretary from myself who had been acting in the role since before the Pandemic.

Other changes are taking place at this time with Roger GreenHalgh, stepping aside, and Caroline Morris takes over as treasurer. I would like to thank Roger for his work as treasurer and contribution to the committee. Additionally, Jan Parker has also stepped down from the committee, and I would like to thank you for your enthusiasm and contribution.

3. Trading secretary Report: 2022 has seen a difficult year for the trading shed. A combination of factors has led to inflationary pressures across much of our product range. Added to this problem are the effects of fuel price increases which have led to higher delivery charges from our suppliers. We continue to work hard to source competitively priced, quality peat free compost against very challenging conditions. The Silvagrow and Melcourt peat free composts come RHS recommended and Westland's New horizons has proved a reasonable peat free replacement. Feedback from the members would be helpful. The range of products has been changing and a new price list is now available with some end of line reductions. The society will be introducing a card payment facility for trading, memberships and events.

4. Treasurer's report: A printed copy was provided for members:

current acc £1946.26, savings acc £1556.00; total £3502.22

Income £2035.68: including membership (£419.60), Shed sales (£1255.45) and plant sales, raffles and donations.

Expenditure £2034.22: including Shed supplies (£1262.82), Hall hire (£186), speakers (£60) and RHS affiliation and miscellaneous expense

Election and re-election of officers: Chairman: Alec Grant, Treasurer: Caroline Morris, Trading Secretary Kevin Morris, Secretary: Liz Kirton, Show working party: Jo Wilson, Helen Howard and Caroline Morris,. This was approved by those present. Proposer Will Parker, seconder Margaret Smith

The quiz followed