

Twyford and Ruscombe Local History Society

Minutes AGM 2016

Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting held at the Piggott School on Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.45.pm.

The Chairman, James Fort, welcomed members.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from P. Humphreys and D. Wilkin.

2. Minutes of AGM 2015

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting, March 9th 2015 were read, approved, and signed after being proposed by Moira Moule and Christine Wise.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the main events of the year; these included the Exhibition on World War 1 held in the library to celebrate the centenary of the 1914-1918 War, the sponsoring of a Donkey, 'Wellington out of Boot' at the Donkey Derby in June, and more recently a visit to Colleton School. On this occasion 6 members of the society and one other resident met with small groups of children and their parents and teachers to discuss life in the village some 60- 70 years ago. It was a visit much enjoyed by all.

5. Financial Report and Statement of Accounts

The accounts were presented by Lesley Jarvis, our Treasurer. Last year we made a profit of £819.87, slightly more than the previous year, a satisfactory result considering the increasing costs and the continued decrease in interest rates on our savings accounts. The profit from the visits programme was in the region of £900, thanks to the efforts of our Programme Organiser, Doreen Scott.

The chairman thanked Lesley Jarvis for her work on our behalf. The full report is posted on the website.

The report was accepted. Proposed by Rosemary Pratt and seconded by Christine Wise.

It was proposed by the Chairman that the subscription for the year 2016-7 should remain at the same rate as this year; £18 for single membership, £23 for joint membership. Proposed by Peter Burrows, seconded by Joan Mahoney. Carried unanimously.

6. Appointment of Hon. Auditor

It was agreed that Neil Patchin be reappointed. Proposed by Moira Moule and seconded by Christine Wise and carried unanimously. Mr Patchin has received a small token of our appreciation.

7. Report by Honorary Secretary

The Secretary, Audrey Curtis, read the report outlining the main events and activities carried out by the members of the society during the year. Special reference was made to the exhibition in the Library commemorating the anniversary of the beginning of World War 1.

The report was accepted. Proposed by John Whiting, seconded by Graham Starkie. The report is published on the website.

8. **Report of Editorial Committee**

In the absence of the editor, the report was read by Peter Burrows, who outlined the work carried out by the Editorial Committee and reminded members of the work being carried out by Graham Starkie and his team in correcting errors in early journals that had occurred due to digitisation.

The report was accepted. Proposed by Lesley Jarvis, seconded by John Davis. The report will be published on the website.

9. **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Before the elections took place the Chairman announced that Pauline Humphreys had agreed to accept nomination as President of the Society, the vacancy arising from the death of John Moule. The nomination was proposed by Audrey Curtis, seconded by Moira Moule and carried unanimously.

a. **Election of Chairman**

James Fort agreed to stand again for re-election. Proposed by Doreen Scott, seconded by Peter Burrows and carried unanimously.

b. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

Peter Burrows was re-elected unanimously.

10. **Election of Management Committee**

Before the elections began James Fort thanked the members for their hard work and commitment over the past year. He announced that Audrey Curtis wished to stand down as secretary, but until a replacement could be found Peter Burrows would act as Minutes Secretary and Audrey would continue to find speakers and deal with all other secretarial matters.

The existing members of the Management Committee agreed to stand for a further year (Audrey Curtis, Lesley Jarvis, Jean Poulter, Doreen Scott, Graham Starkie, Gerry Wise). They were re-elected en bloc, proposed by Gloria Adams, seconded by Christine Wise. The proposal was carried unanimously.

11. **AOB**

a. Graham Starkie introduced the questionnaires by asking everyone to complete one before leaving as the committee were anxious to have the views of the membership about the future direction of the society.

b. Audrey Curtis introduced the members to the BLHA Newsletter and asked whether they would like it emailed to them. A number of members expressed an interest and she agreed that she would distribute the next issue to those with email addresses.

c. The Chairman thanked Gerry Wise for his work on the website.

d. Members were reminded to sign up for the visit to Arundel Castle on April 2nd.

12. **Next Meeting**

The 40th AGM will take place on March 13th 2017 at 7.45pm

The formal meeting closed at 8.30pm, after which members had the opportunity to enjoy a glass of wine while watching a film of Waterer's in the 1960s and a film about Henley.