

Slimbridge Gardening Club

Minutes of the AGM. held at the Village Hall

Tuesday 8th January 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: G. Baker (Chairman); D. Hall (Treasurer); C. Jeffes (Secretary); R. Harding; P. Sealy; N. & A. Griffiths; P. Lewis; D. & S. Hatcliffe; R. Coombes; J. Chandry; D. & P. Tarr; E. & A. Jones; A. & S. Carter; M. Weeks; D. & L. Porter; C. Howarth; G. Tarr; D. & T. Standing; T. Lees; C. Archer; F. Neale; P. Harris; C. Beattie; G. Fryer:

1. Apologies

C. Tarr; B. Wherrett; P. & A. Ballard; J. Russell-Yarde; S. Gibson:

2. Minutes of the A.G.M. 10th January 2012

The minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

Proposed – G. Baker Seconded – N. Griffiths

3. Matters arising

Due to the resignation of P. Ballard as President, a new one will be elected at this meeting.

4. Correspondence

The Secretary had received a letter from Charlie Tarr regretfully declining the offer of becoming President of the Club. Alan Carter also sent correspondence regarding his wish to resign from the committee due to ill health.

5. Chairman's report

The Chairman said that this year has been a good one for the Club, and that we had been entertained by some very interesting speakers which had attracted more new members and visitors. He was pleased to see we had made a small profit. He reported that the spring and Summer Shows had been very successful and thanked Norma for all her hard work as show secretary and also for acting as his PA during his recent illness. He said despite the floods the annual outing to RHS Rosemoor was very enjoyable, although the majority of the party were non-members. This year the outing is to Arley Hall Gardens in Cheshire on 22nd June, they are holding a garden festival at the time of our visit. The cost is £22.50. He thanked the committee for all their hard work over the past year especially Ronnie for her excellent catering, Phil and Alan for 'heavy lifting' and L. Dibley as auditor. He stressed the need for more committee members to share the work. He stated that with rising costs and overheads it is important that members pay their £8.00 annual subscription promptly. He concluded by thanking everyone for their interest and support.

6. Treasurer's Report

Diana handed out the accounts sheet for the year and reported that financially this has been a better year than last year as we have made a profit of £64.24. This may be slightly deceptive as this includes the fees of 6 new members who joined in the summer. We now have 40 members. The two shows made a loss, but the plant sale, outing, and bulb sales made a profit. This year the account was transferred from HSBC to Lloyds and all the funds are now in one account. There is £1512.88 in the bank and £58.00 cash in hand.

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7. Elections

The following officers, holders of other posts and general committee were elected unanimously.

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| Chairman | George Baker |
| Vice Chairperson | Norma Griffiths |
| Secretary | Carole Jeffes |
| Treasurer | Diana Hall |
| Show Secretary | Norma Griffiths |
| Programme Secretary | Ronnie Harding |
| Social Secretary | Ronnie Harding |
| General Committee | Phil Sealey |
| Honorary Auditor | Linda Dibley |
| Village Hall Representative | George Baker |
| GFGS Representative | Ronnie Harding |

P. Lewis agreed to help Ronnie as a non-committee member.

8. Election of President

President – George Tarr Proposed - Sue Gibson Seconded – Norma Griffiths
Elected unanimously

9. Member's Pot Plant Competition

Prizes were awarded to:

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| 1 st | Carole Jeffes | 24 points |
| 2 nd | George Baker | 13 points |
| 3 rd | Norma Griffiths | 12 points |

10. Any other business

S. Hatcliffe reminded members that the new Marshalls seed catalogue is now available and orders can be placed by logging on to the computer. Members receive a 35% discount and goods are sent directly to S. Hatcliffe.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the AGM closed at 8.03pm.

Signed as a correct record.....

Dated.....