

Slimbridge Gardening Club

Minutes of the AGM held at the Village Hall Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7.30pm

enjoyable. Our thanks must go to John and Joyce Mace for sharing their fascinating garden complete with model railway and for providing excellent refreshments at the end of the visit.

In October, Heather Godard-Keys shared her love of exotic plants with us and I am pleased to say that Fibrex Nursery, of which she is part, has just recently been granted a Royal Warrant, one of only 3 in the country.

A lot of people work very hard to make this Club a success. I would like to thank the Committee and all the members who provide the refreshments and help in so many different ways. I would also like to thank Norma for organising our annual outing. We went to Dewstow Garden and Grottoes and Wyndcliffe Court Sculpture Gardens in Wales. Both gardens were lovely and members appreciated the shorter time spent travelling. Norma also stepped in and acted as Treasurer until a replacement could be found. Judy has now taken over this role, for which we are very grateful and I will now hand over to her for the Treasurer's report."

6. Treasurer's Report

"The extremely sad loss of Diana early in 2014 meant that the usual consistency was lacking over the 2014 financial year. Very many thanks are due to Norma who took over as interim Treasurer, with no official handover, until a new volunteer was found in spite of her many and varied duties connected with both the outing and the summer show. Finding myself that new volunteer was a considerable shock, not least to me, and the accounts found themselves in yet another pair of hands.

Inevitably, with so many changes, everything was far from straightforward and for those wanting an in-depth explanation, the Auditor's report attached to the signed accounts will give all the details. All recommendations made in that report are already in operation for 2015. However, in spite of all the changes and with ever increasing speaker costs the Gardening Club made a profit of £341.04 in 2014. (£36.95 in 2013) The main contributions to this profit were increased donations, plant sales and the outing. Regrettably the Spring Show made a loss of roughly £50.00. This means that we end the year with a total balance of £1,948.87."

7. Elections

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

| | <u>Proposed</u> | <u>Seconded</u> |
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| Chairman – Carole Jeffes | R. Harding | J. Chandra |
| Vice Chairman – Norma Griffiths | C. Jeffes | G. Baker |
| Secretary – Mary Sealey | N. Griffiths | P. Ballard |
| Treasurer – Judy Chandra | N. Griffiths | J. Merrett |
| Show Manager – Norma Griffiths | C. Jeffes | G. Baker |
| Programme & Social Secretary – Ronnie Harding | P. Sealey | G. Baker |
| Committee Members: - Phil Sealey | C. Jeffes | G. Baker |
| Alison Hunt | C. Jeffes | J. Chandra |
| Village Hall Representative – George Baker | N. Griffiths | J. Merrett |
| Honorary Auditor – Linda Dibley | | |

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The Chairman asked any member that may be interested in taking on the role of Deputy Treasurer, as recommended in the Auditor's report, to let her know. Ronnie Harding thanked Terry and Jean for their help with the catering over the past year.

8. Members' Pot Plant Competition

Prizes were awarded to: -

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| 1 st | George Baker | 21 points |
| 2 nd | Carole Jeffes | 20 points |
| 3 rd | Norma Griffiths | 13 points |

The Chairman pointed out that in the future the competition will include produce as well as pot plants.

9. Any Other Business

There being no other business the Chairman declared the AGM closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed as a true record

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