



Clapham and Patching Horticultural Society

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Friday 29th November 2019
7.30 pm, Clapham & Patching Village Hall**

- 1) Opening
 - a) Chairman's welcome – Jane Preston welcomed everyone
 - b) Apologies for absence – The chairman had received apologies from Graham & Diana Drawbridge; Carol Fletcher; David Crockford; Sian Fletcher; David & Sue Longhurst; John Reddi; Brenda Lednor; Sue & John Griss; Cliff and Caroline Tompkins.
 - c) Minutes of previous meeting (30th November 2018)
Approval of the 2018 AGM minutes was proposed by Pauline Prior and seconded by Lesley Partridge. They were signed by the chairman.
- 2) The Chairman read out a summary of the entries and entrants for this year's shows (copy attached) which shows that the shows are better attended and supported though there is a lack of children's entries.
 - a) Secretary's Report
David Crockford, Show Secretary, had e-mailed a synopsis of the year's shows as he was not able to be present. Very successful shows. Thanked those who worked to plan and gave help to set up and take down the marquees, the running of the tea and the old cars etc. Thanks to all who have supported us.
 - b) Dates for 2020 Shows Jane Preston confirmed the dates for the 2020 shows which have been booked in order to get the hall and the judges
Spring Show Saturday 4th April
Summer Show – Saturday 29th August
- 3) Membership Report
 - a) Membership numbers
Sue Isaacs reported that have gone from 42 member households to 62 in the past 5 years. Summary attached. There are several members from out of area. Only 2 households did not renew but we had 7 new member households. She usually collects membership on the night of the AGM with a lot collected in January. Sue is now stepping down from the committee but said that membership secretary is a lovely role to have.

4) Treasurer's Report

Jeff Kluckers presented the Statement of Account of Society's resources. We have had to dip into reserves this year. We have in the past been running a small surplus but we did have a free trip to Wisley which was great. Spring Show is what creates our net profit because it's done in the Hall and it is a lovely show. There is a lot more expense and infrastructure for the summer show so it always causes a small loss but hopefully can offset that from the spring show. Membership income increased. Ended 31st October with reserves of £6,345.

5) Election of Officers and Committee

Jane Preston, Jane Dahill, Sue Isaacs, Jeff Kluckers and Roger Ayliffe are standing down after many years on the committee. There are 2 committee members still willing to stand, David Crockford and Sian Fletcher. The Chairman set out how long the various officers and committee members had been on the committee, 2 of which had been for over 9 years. There had been nominations received for Gillian Baxter, Yvette Fisher and Graham Oliver who were duly elected having been proposed by Pauline Prior and seconded by Keith Preston.

Jane Preston said there had been discussion about perhaps taking the Society in a different direction and asked for any ideas for the future

Jeff Kluckers gave the thanks of all of the members to Jane Preston for all of her hard work and persistence on the Society's behalf.

Richard Prior read out a message from David Crockford and Sian Fletcher giving thanks to the Committee but particularly Jane Preston for everything. He reminded us that the members are the lifeblood of the society and reiterated the thanks of the membership to the outgoing committee members, the incoming committee members and those who are staying on. Give their best to the new committee and hope the CPHS can continue for another 78 years. A token of thanks was given to all of the outgoing members and a special token of thanks to Jane Preston.

Jane closed the AGM the formal part of the meeting closed at 7.50pm and introduced our speaker .

The AGM was followed by a talk by Richard Vobes on his life and how he came to write and present his video blogs Exploring Sussex.