

AINSDALE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD 23RD NOVEMBER 2017

Peter Wood – Les Rynhart-Dawn Brooks-Mavis Whittle-Vera Hainsworth-Bill Howarth-Prue Shenton-Lois & David Marshall-Nadine Leech-Alan Foxall-Brian Leech-Alan Boulton-Anne Bradshaw-Brenda Stelfox-Gwen Wainwright-Margaret Redman- Olivia Older-Graham Lymbery-Louise Arber-Alison Connolly-Julie Godsell-Ron Harper-Anne Harper-Barbara Henderson-Keith Older- Clive Leech-Patricia Pearce

APOLOGIES

David & Janet Greenwood-Graham Webster-Amanda McCarter-Carolyn Waite-Mrs K Taphouse-Anne Hanley

The Chairman welcomed those present to the AGM.

Treasurer's Report:

Keith Older gave a full and concise report on the accounts he had prepared. All persons present received a copy of this report and those present were invited to put questions to the Treasurer who was delighted to report the Summer Show 2017 made a profit of £3,726.00.

The Chairman thanked Keith for taking on the role of Treasurer, initially to help out, but finally staying until her term of office came to an end. On behalf of the Society the Chairman presented Keith with a gift.

Chairman's Annual Review:

Copy attached.

Election of Officers:

Prior to this meeting nominations had been received for the following:

Chairman Clive Leech proposed by Graham Lymbery and Keith Older - Vice Chairman Patricia Pearce proposed by Graham Lymbery and Louise Arber – Hon Treasurer Peter Wood proposed by Patricia Pearce and Clive Leech – Show Secretary David Marshall proposed by Patricia Pearce and Jamie Halsall – Trophy Officer Jamie Halsall proposed by Patricia Pearce and Louise Arber.

Nominations received on the 23rd November:

Floral Queen Organiser Amanda McCarter proposed by Patricia Pearce and Louise Arber – Trade Stand Manager Showground Committee Nikki McCaugrean – proposed by Patricia Pearce and Graham Lymbery – Asst. Show Secretary Philip Morris proposed by David Marshall and Prue Shenton.

The Chairman requested a show of hand to these proposals and the motion was passed.

The position of Hon Secretary remained unfilled.

Election of Sub-Committees:

Entertainment Chairman Janet Greenwood member David Greenwood

Schedule Chairman David Marshall committee members Julie Godsell Vera Hainsworth Nadine Leech Prue Shenton Carolyn Waite Sylvia Wentworth Mavis Whittle.

Publicity Chairman Patricia Pearce

Showground Chairman Graham Lymbery committee members Clive Leech Les Rynhart Graham Webster Nikki McCaugrean

Catering Committee require a Chairman and members

Confirmation of Bank Signatories any two from Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Constitution – Clive Leech has been working on replacing the AHS Constitution with a version of the Charity Commission Constitution. At present Trustees (Chairmen of all committees) would be liable to cover any shortfall of funds should the AHS have a deficit. The new Constitution would make the Trustees liable to the sum of £5.00 each.

The proposed Constitution will now be forwarded to the Charity Commission for approval. An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held in March 2018 when the present Constitution will be voted out and the replacement constitution adopted. 12 members of the Society will be required to attend this EGM.

98th Summer Show 2018 will be 14th July. Sefton have moved their Air Display to the 7th July (the first Saturday in July historically being the Summer Show).

Peter Wood thanked Keith for his services to the AHS, he feels very honoured to take over the role of Treasurer. Peter's Grandfather was a founder member of the Ainsdale Horticultural Society 1912 and became Treasurer in 1913. Peter feels his grandfather would be proud this role is now back in the family. Peter showed a medal presented to Roland Wood in 1933 for his services to the AHS.

On behalf of the Ainsdale Community Garden, Alan Boulton thanked the AHS for their contribution of £250.00 towards the maintenance of the Garden; this being donated over the past five years and at a time when the Garden was being established.

Anne Harper expressed concern that with the absence of the monthly talks the AHS would be violating the terms set out by the Charity Commission. The Children's Plant-a-Pot covered this clause as the children were receiving instructions regarding planting and caring for their plants and there was a class on Show Day where both members of the Society and the public could receive instructions regarding flower arranging together with a Questions and Answer event regarding gardening problems.

Clive Leech as Chairman thanked Tricia for her eleven years as Chairman and presented her with flowers and gifts.

Those present were thanked for their attendance.

The AGM closed at 9.30pm.