

# Melksham Gardeners' Society

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Barbara Cropp, Chair  
Pat Lee, Secretary  
Peter Renshaw, Treasurer  
Richard Lamprell, Committee Member  
Bryan Colby, Minutes Secretary  
Matt Horwood, Website & Photographer

Society Members as marked in the Attendance Register

**Apologies:** Mark Davies, Committee Member  
Cliff Fiander, Membership Secretary  
Teresa Strange, Committee Member  
Sylvia Saywell, Committee Member

### 1. Welcome and Apologies for absence

- Barbara opened the meeting at 7.30pm. Member apologies were assumed and accepted.

### 2. Confirmation that the Minutes of the last AGM, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014, are a true record

- The minutes were approved as an accurate record.

### 3. Chair's Annual Report (Barbara Cropp)

- This, our 6<sup>th</sup> year has been another successful one for the Society. We have about 40+ members consistently coming to each meeting, some of whom have been coming since Day 1.
- This year we hosted Bob Flowerdew for an RHS talk in the Assembly Hall. Particular thanks go to Cliff Fiander for organising this and for getting the profit back from the RHS (apparently nearly the only group who managed to make a profit!).
- We have enjoyed a wide range of speakers during the year, some standing in at the last minute to whom we are grateful.
- Our coach trip to Savill Gardens was a great success helped by the appropriate weather.
- During September we held our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Show in the Assembly Hall. Successful as ever even though the entry numbers were a little down.
- Thanks go to Bryan Colby for the time consuming work of the annual seed order.
- The committee was thanked for their time and effort. Sylvia Saywell and Cliff Fiander are stepping down and were thanked for their contributions.

### 4. Treasurer's Annual Report (Peter Renshaw)

- Profit for the year was £660 helped by the return of £760 from the RHS.
- Meeting attendance has been very good with 45+ members attending out of a membership of 70.
- The show is our main expense and cost nearly £900 this year.

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- Grateful thanks go to those who volunteer to make and serve tea and coffee at the meeting intervals.
- Copies of the audited accounts were available for members' inspection.

## 5. Election of Officers and Committee

- The current Officers and Committee stood down.
- Proposed Committee:

- Barbara Cropp	Chair
- Peter Renshaw	Treasurer
- Richard Lamprell	Secretary
- Bryan Colby	Admin Secretary
- Pat Lee	Committee Member (refreshments)
- Matt Horwood	Committee Member
- Teresa Strange	Committee Member
- Mark Davies	Honorary Committee Member
- There were no other proposals for the Committee/Officers.
- The new officers and committee were proposed, seconded and voted in by members

## 6. Any other business

- It should be noted that membership fees have remained unchanged since the club reformed. However, if the profit for the RHS talk had not been returned, we would have made a loss this year. Speaker costs are rising; therefore the fees for next year (2015-16) will be £10. Meeting entrance will remain at £1.
- There being no further business the Chairman closed the Annual General Meeting at 7:45pm.