Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society

Annual General Meeting – 5th October 2012 at Crowhurst Village Hall – 7.30pm

**Minutes**

1. **Members present**

Mary Boorman, Ken Waller, Alan Humphrey, Tim Knaggs , Chris Hamson, Oliver Boorman-Humphrey, Brian Croft, Malcolm Moss, Frances Hamson, Pam Woolley, Jo Crouch

1. **Apologies for absence**

June Kemp, Penny Knaggs, Bruce Cripps

1. **Minutes of the last AGM**

Read. Matters arising – addition of Frances Hamson to members present. Proposed as correct by Malcolm, 2nd by Frances.

1. **Address by the President Report** *Given by Ken*
2. **Chairman’s Report** *Given by Mary*
3. **Treasurer’s Report**

Accounts as of end August 2012: £186.81 Cash

£647.92 Bank Account

£1241.56 Building Society

£2076.29 Total

Society has a **profit** of £292.51 in year 2011/12

1. **Election of Officer’s** Proposed by Seconded by
   1. **President** Ken Oliver Frances
   2. **Vice President** *vacant*
   3. **Chairman** Mary Tim Brian
   4. **Vice Chairman** Oliver Mary Chris
   5. **Secretary** *vacant*
   6. **Show Manager** *vacant*
   7. **Show Secretary** Oliver Ken Alan
   8. **Treasurer** Alan Tim Frances
   9. **Membership Secr.** Chris Oliver Tim
2. **Election of Committee** Mary, Alan, Chris, Oliver and Tim

Cmte meetings are to remain at the Plough for the time being. The society shall looking into the possibility of Tim attending Fayre Cmte meetings as our representative.

**Tea break**

1. **Shows** 
   1. The floor discussed the options for the possible replacement of the 22 ageing wooden tables which we use at the summer flower show. These are now suffering from wood-worm and action needs to be taken imminently. Realistically, we have 3 options: Treat the existing tables to extend their life for a few years, replace them with new GOPAK tables or rent tables on show day. New tables from GOPAK would be £80.47 + VAT each. Current rates for hiring tables are approx. £5 per table per day. After some discussion, the floor agreed to continue to search for cheaper hire tables. Failing that, we shall purchase 10 new tables from GOPAK and treat the remaining 12 tables.
   2. The floor agreed to raise the cost of hiring the society's tables from £1.50/day to £2 per day per table. This will hopefully help fund the new tables.
   3. The floor agreed to compiling a ledger of the trophy winners each year which would be displayed on the trophy stand at shows. The committee will ask Lindy Butters to write the entries in calligraphy each year.
   4. Oliver proposed the introduction of a new photography trophy to presented at the Autumn Show for most accumulated points over all three shows. This was agreed by the floor. Pam gave her consent for it to be named THE PETER WOOLLEY MEMORIAL THROPHY.
   5. The floor agreed to move the handicrafts classes from the autumn to the spring show. This was agreed on the basis that it helps to balance the number of classes over the 3 shows.
2. **Events**
3. It was agreed to introduce a fish & chip evening, the first of which will take place on 15 Feb 2012. Fish & Chips will be purchased at Deep Blue, Hollington. Malcolm agreed to organise a gardener's question time as part of the evening.
4. The floor agreed that we will continue to look into the possibility of outings in the future. Mary proposed the use of car-shares as coaches are probably too expensive at present.
5. **Publicity**

Mary, Alan and Oliver to continue to put up posters for shows etc. Also to produce adverts for Crowhurst News, Friday Ad, Observer etc. Mary thanked Laura Button at the Observer for their support over the past year. Jo proposed entering a special advert in the Crowhurst News

1. **Subscriptions**

Currently, 7 life members and 44 standard members. Chris proposed keeping subs at £4. Passed by Francis, 2nd by Tim.

1. **Any other business**

The floor agreed to donate £50 to the Fayre Cmte for the use of the marquee at the summer show. Mary proposed providing St George's Church with some daffodil bulbs for the spring. This was agreed by the floor. Ken raised the question of tidying the graves of past members Reg Ford and Mary Oliver. The committee will looking into this.

Tim proposed the introduction of Honey classes in the autumn show. This was agreed by the floor. Next year, liquid, set and comb honey classes will be introduced. Similarly, Frances raised whether eggs could be incorporated into the shows. It was agreed to introduce one class for 6 hens eggs in the summer show.

**Meeting closed at 21:10pm**