Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society

Annual General Meeting – Fri 4th October 2013 at Crowhurst Village Hall

**Agenda**

1. **Members Present :** Mary Boorman, Alan Humphrey, Chris Hamson, Tim Knaggs, Oliver Boorman-Humphrey, Frances Hamson, Penny Knaggs, Pam Woolley, Bruce Cripps, Margaret Cripps, Brian Croft
2. **Apologies for absence:** Ken Waller, Malcolm Moss, Jo Crouch, Val Mighall
3. **Minutes of the last AGM:** Read
   1. **Matters arising from the minutes**

10 GOPAK tables have not yet be purchased. Nonna Wellard helped with trophy ledger instead of Lindy Butters. Passed with above corrections.

1. **Address by the President:** President not present
2. **Chairman’s Report:** *Given by Mary*
3. **Treasurer’s Report:** *Given by Alan*
   1. **Presentation of accounts:** As of end August 2013

B/S acct: £1,285.37, Bank acct: £644.60, Petty Cash: £450.77

Total: £2380.14 (£303.85 **profit**)

* 1. **Auditors:** It was agreed by the floor to use Tracey Docksey as our auditor in 2014. Proposed: Alan, 2nd: Brian

1. **Election of Officer’s** Proposed by Seconded by
   1. **President** Ken Mary Oliver
   2. **Chairman** Mary Chris Frances
   3. **Secretary** Oliver Bruce Brian
   4. **Treasurer** Alan Mary Margaret
   5. **Membership Secr.** Chris Mary Tim

It was agreed by the floor to remove the posts of Vice President, Show Manager and Vice Chairman as these have been vacant for several years. It was also agreed to merge our Secretary and Show Secretary roles.

1. **Election of Committee:** Mary, Alan, Chris, Tim and Oliver
   1. **Fayre Cmte Representative** Tim. Proposed: Mary, 2nd: Chris

**Tea break**

1. **Shows & Catering**
   1. **Schedule printing/availability**

This year there has been some delay and difficulty in members obtaining schedules. This was mostly due to the new system of printing schedules as required (as opposed to in bulk) and the relocation of Oliver to Oxford. Frances and Chris offered to hold a stock of schedules at their house. Local members will now be required to collect schedules from 2 Park View, Crowhurst (Non-local members will still be posted). This was agreed by the floor as a sensible idea.

Another issue faced this year was the problem of members losing their schedules and requesting more copies. This lead to Frances having to manually copy schedules. The floor agreed that a charge should be introduced for schedules (of 50p for spring, £1 for summer/autumn) for non-members and for members who needed replacement/extra copies. The floor agreed this and next year Frances and Chris will keep a list of members who have collected schedules and charges will be made as appropriate.

* 1. **Adjustment to classes in summer and autumn shows**

It was agreed to organise a schedule meeting for the committee and some judges to discuss adjustments to next year's classes. It was also agreed that the schedules should be changed to state that staging runs from 08:30 to 10:15 to help prevent exhibitors staging exhibits late.

* 1. **Replacement of old wooden tables with new GOPAK folding tables**

It was agreed by the floor to use the money in our building society account to purchase 10 GOPAK tables. Proposed: Tim, 2nd: Frances.

1. **Events**

Jumble Sale - Sat 18/01/2014, Spring Show- Sat 15/03/2014, Summer Show (Sum. Fayre) - Sat 09/08/2014, Autumn Show - Sat 20/09/2014, AGM - Fri 03/10/2014, Jumble Sale - Sat 18/10/2014.

* 1. **Lecture evening - proposed Fri 14 Feb 2014**

Our floral judge Anne Brookes has offered to give a floral art demonstration at some point in the next year. Mary proposed this provisionally for February 2014 in St. George's Parish Room.

* 1. **Outing - proposed Spring 2014**

Brian to look into the possibility of joining with Bexhill Horticultural Society for a outing early next year.

1. **Publicity**

Tim agreed to help put up posters around the village for our events.

1. **Subscriptions**

Subs to remain at £4 per year. Proposed: Frances, 2nd: Alan

1. **Any other business**

Chris agreed to organise a letter to be sent out to all members following the AGM with the minutes of the meeting and a reminder that subs are now due.

**Close of Meeting:** 21:20