Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society

Annual General Meeting – 6th October 2010 at Crowhurst Village Hall – 7.30pm

**Minutes**

1. **Members present**

Mary Boorman, Ken Waller, Alan Humphrey, Chris Hamson, Brian Croft, June Kemp, Malcolm, Tim Knaggs

1. **Apologies for absence**

Oliver Boorman-Humphrey

1. **Minutes of the last AGM**

Read - No matters arising. Proposed as correct by Brian, 2nd by Chris.

1. **Address by the president** *Given by Ken*
2. **Chairman’s Report** *Given by Mary*
3. **Show Manager’s Report** *Given by Ken*
4. **Treasurer’s Report**

Accounts as of end September 2010: £166.18 Cash

£63.51 Bank Account

£1241.56 Building Society

£1471.25 Total

Society has **loss** of £118.70 in year 2009/10

1. **Election of Officer’s** Proposed Seconded
   1. **President** Ken Chris Malcolm
   2. **Vice President** *vacant*
   3. **Chairman** Mary Ken Chris
   4. **Vice Chairman** *vacant*
   5. **Secretary** *vacant (resignation received from Mrs Breeds)*
   6. **Show Manager** Ken Mary Chris
   7. **Treasurer** Alan Ken Chris
   8. **Membership Secr.** *(New position as agreed by the floor)*

Chris Mary June

1. **Election of Committee** Ken, Mary, Alan, Chris, Gerald and Oliver

**Tea break**

1. **Shows and Events**
   1. Jumble sale – 22/1/2011, Crowhurst Village Hall
   2. Spring show – 19/3/2011, Crowhurst Village Hall
   3. Summer show – 13/8/2011, Crowhurst Recreation Ground
   4. Autumn show – 17/9/2011, Crowhurst Village Hall
   5. AGM – Thurs 6/10/2011 – agreed change of day
   6. Extra jumble sale – agreed by floor – date to be confirmed – October 2011?
2. **Show schedules** 
   1. The floor thanked Oliver for re-designing the schedules, which the floor agreed were easier to read. We discussed adding advertising from local businesses to the schedules to raise funds. This was agreed – Chairman to look into this.
   2. Children’s entries have been increasing and developed – different classes were added this year. The floor discussed adding a photography class in the summer show as it is becoming increasingly popular – agreed by all. Mary proposed the addition of two new classes are to be added to the autumn show to add ‘fun’ – ‘an enormous vegetable’ and ‘ugliest vegetable’ – agreed.
3. **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. Brian proposed that we contacted Radio Sussex to advertise shows/events – agreed.

1. **Subscriptions**

Tim raised whether these should be increased - To remain at £3 but review next year dependant on society funds. Proposed by Ken, 2nd by Mary.

1. **Catering** June, Mary and Oliver
2. **Any other business**
   1. June felt schedules were not freely available in the village to non-members since the Post Office has closed. Chris agreed to speak to the Plough owners to see if we can put some schedules there. Chris also happy to deliver schedules to local member within the village and will have some available from his house for anyone to take. Will also be made available at Crowhurst Farmer’s Markets and Ken.
   2. Full discussion took place regards whether the summer show should continue due to the heavy work load this causes. Mary and Alan to confirm with the Fayre committee what the situation will be next year for availability of the marquee. Decision whether to go ahead pending within the committee. If agreed, Tom and David to be contacted to ask if they would be able to help set up/transport tables.
   3. It was agreed to have all committee meetings for the next year at Ken’s home to reduce costs as Ken unable to drive.
   4. Consideration as to whether to reinstate a plant sale mid to late May as a means to increase funds – this is to be confirmed.
   5. Mary suggested that we needed to consider ways of increasing interest in the society – possibly by arranging future talks and other social events. This was fully accepted and to be discussed further over the next year.

**Meeting closed at 10.05pm**