Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society

**Annual General Meeting – Fri 3rd October 2014 at Crowhurst Village Hall**

**Minutes**

1. **Members Present:**

Mary Boorman, Alan Humphrey, Brian Croft, Frances Hamson, Chris Hamson, Jo Crouch, Tim Knaggs, Malcolm Moss, Pam Woolley, Bruce Cripps

1. **Apologies for absence**

Margaret Cripps, Penny Knaggs, Oliver Boorman-Humphrey

1. **Minutes of the last AGM** : Read
	1. **Matters arising from the minutes**

It was raised that the Society had not yet made contact with Bexhill Horticultural Society with regards to their outings and coach trips. This will be considered again in the coming months.

Minutes Passed as correct.

1. **Address by the President**

*President absent*

1. **Chairman’s Report**

*Given by Mary Boorman*

1. **Treasurer’s Report**
	1. **Presentation of accounts**
	2. **Auditors**

Agreed to continue with Tracey Docksey as auditor. Mary thanked Tracey for her continued hard-work and support.

1. **Election of Officer’s**
	1. **President**

 Ken Waller *Proposed: Mary Seconded: Alan*

* 1. **Chairman**

 Mary Boorman *Proposed: Alan Seconded: Malcolm*

* 1. **Secretary**

 Oliver Boorman-Humphrey *Proposed: Brian Seconded: Alan*

* 1. **Treasurer**

 Alan Humphrey *Proposed: Malcolm Seconded: Bruce*

* 1. **Membership Secretary**

Chris Hamson resigned the role of Membership Secretary and it was proposed the Alan could take up the role as it was related to his current role as treasurer.

 Alan Humphrey *Proposed: Malcolm Seconded: Bruce*

1. **Election of Committee**
	1. **Fayre Cmte Representative**

 Tim Knaggs *Proposed: Mary Seconded: Bruce*

* 1. **Children's Representative**

 Jo Crouch *Proposed: Mary Seconded: Alan*

It was also agreed by the floor that Tim Knaggs would continue his work of promoting Bee Keeping in the Village. As such, he would be given the title of 'Bee Representative'.

**Tea break**

1. **Shows & Events**
	1. **Schedule availability**

The floor agreed to continue the system used in the previous year of distributing schedules. They shall continue be available from Chris Hamson, Jo Crouch and Mary Boorman. This year they shall additionally be available at the Church. Members agreed to retain the pricing for non-members of 50p per single show schedule and £1 per dual-show schedule.

* 1. **New children's trophies**

It was agreed to look into the possibility of add extra Children's trophies so that one is awarded at each flower show. Mary Boorman and Jo Crouch to follow this up.

* 1. **Show Catering**

Nonna Wellard and Jill Leach are to assist with refreshments for events wherever they can.

* 1. **Topics for future lectures**

The floor discussed possible topics for future lecture evening. Among those suggested was a talk by Chris Hone on Beekeeping and a talk about Quarry Wood by Paul Johnson. The committee shall look into the availability of these speakers.

1. **Publicity**

Mary Boorman proposed a new publicity approach by creating a website for the society. It would allow for events to be publicised and provide an additional source of show schedules. Oliver had given an initial estimate of the cost – around £150 (one-off) then £20 per year. This was discussed by the floor and was accepted as a good means of advertising. Malcolm pointed out that Little Common Horticultural society also had recently developed a website and it was turning out to be useful for them. The floor agreeed to progress with idea and Oliver will now look into creating and registering the site.

1. **Subscriptions**
	1. **Proposed increase to £5 per year**

The floor agreed that it was a suitable time to increase subscription charges. For 2014/2015, they shall be £5 per member.

1. **Any other business**
	1. **Table hire**

Alan proposed that our table hire charges should increase. In the past year, the society has purchased 10 new Gopak tables in place of some of our heavy wooden tables. As this cost the society a considerable amount of money, it would be sensible to try and recoup some of the that cost via table hire. The floor agreed and so table hire from 2015 shall be £3 per table, per day.

* 1. **Donations**

Mary thanked long-standing member Carrie Breeds for her recent donation of £20 to the society. Mary shall continue to remain in contact with Carrie and will see if she is able to attend any society events in the near future.

**Close of Meeting:** 9:20pm