Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society

Annual General Meeting – Wed 7th October 2015 at 7.15pm

*Crowhurst Village Hall*

Minutes

1. **Members Present**

Mary Boorman, Bob & Margaret Clifford, Jo Crouch, Alan Humphrey, Tim Knaggs, Shirley& Tom Masters, Malcolm Moss, Nicola Stell

1. **Apologies for absence**

Oliver Boorman-Humphrey, Brian Croft, Penny Knaggs, Frances Hamson

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

Mary thanked Jo Crouch for sponsoring the two new “Sunflower” children's trophies that Jo donated in memory of her late father - these have been introduced and were well received.

The floor thanked Oliver for his work on introducing the society's website. Mary will look into introducing a society Facebook page to advertise future events as the website has shown to be of great value.

Proposed as correct by Alan Humphrey, seconded by Tim Knaggs.

1. **Chairman’s Report**

Given by Mary Boorman.

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

Presented by Alan Humphrey. As of 31st August 2015, accounts were:

Bank £340.34

Building Society £1799.04

Cash £430.71

**Total £2570.09**

**Profit for the year: £356.45**

* 1. **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: Tim Seconded: Jo

* 1. **Secretary**

Oliver Boorman-Humphrey Proposed: Mary Seconded: Jo

* 1. **Treasurer**

Alan Humphrey Proposed: Tim Seconded: Jo

* 1. **Membership Secretary**

Alan Humphrey Proposed: Malcolm Seconded: Jo

Mary to discuss with Ken Waller regards continuation of Presidency, as he has

been unwell and inactive for some time. The committee will seek to identify

suitable new President in time for the next AGM, if required.

1. **Election of Committee**
   1. **Fayre Cmte and Honey Bee Representative**

Tim Knaggs Proposed: Mary Seconded: Bob

* 1. **Children's Representative**

Jo Crouch Proposed: Tim Seconded: Mary

**8. Shows & Events**

* 1. **Future of Spring Show**

The floor briefly discussed the (lack of) entries for the Spring show which has been consistently under-supported for several years. Ideas of cancelling the show altogether or replacing it with a different society social were discussed. It was agreed to hold a normal Spring show in 2016 to see if support picks up. If no improvement is seen, the committee shall review the situation and table a proposal to remove/replace it for 2017.

* 1. **Purchase of additional 6 GOPAK tables**

Alan proposed purchasing a further 6 GOPAK tables for the Summer show in addition to those brought last year. The proposal was seconded by Nicola.

1. **Subscriptions**
   1. **Proposed freeze at £5 per year**

Mary proposed keeping subs at £5 per year. Seconded by Malcolm.

1. **Any other business**
   1. **Crowhurst Primary School Rocket Science Project from the RHS**

Jo described the basis of this project to the floor. She will take it forward along with members of the school.

* 1. **Future Lecture evenings and Outings**

Tim, Jo and Mary agreed to follow up ideas for future lecture evenings for 2016. The society does not currently intend to arrange any outings independently, however Mary will remain in contact with other local groups and societies and notify members of any vacant spaces on their trips.

**Close of Meeting** : 8pm