Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society

Annual General Meeting - Minutes

*Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 7.15pm - Crowhurst Village Hall*

1. **Members Present**

Mary Boorman, Alan Humphrey, Tim and Penny Knaggs, Jo Crouch, Bob and Margaret Clifford, Bruce and Margaret Cripps, Rita Gower, Ann Cornwall, Gerry Hartnell, Frankie Gale, Ben Wood

1. **Apologies for absence**

Oliver Boorman-Humphrey and Brian Croft

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

None. Proposed as correct by Jo Crouch, 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 2018, accounts were:

Bank: £131.86

Building Society: £2345.07

Cash: £887.02

**Total: £3363.95**

***Up £743.92 on 2017***

Alan additionally thanked Jimmy Carter for his recent donations to the society, totalling £150.

This year £264 was raised from table hire to other local groups and £125 from membership subscriptions.

* 1. **Auditors**

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

1. **Reports from Committee Members** 
   1. **Show Secretary**

Given by Alan Humphrey on behalf of Oliver Boorman-Humphrey.

* 1. **Fayre Cmte and Honey Bee Representative**

Given by Tim Knaggs

* 1. **Children's Representative**

Given by Jo Crouch

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

*vacant* Proposed by Mary to be left open until a suitable replacement is identified.

* 1. **Chairman**

Mary Boorman Proposed: Tim Seconded: Jo

* 1. **Show Secretary**

Oliver Boorman-Humphrey Proposed: Bruce Seconded: Ann

* 1. **Treasurer**

Alan Humphrey Proposed: Bob Seconded: Rita

* 1. **Membership Secretary**

Alan Humphrey Proposed: Bob Seconded: Rita

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

Jo Crouch Proposed: Mary Seconded: Alan

* 1. **Honey Bee Representative**

Tim Knaggs Proposed: Alan Seconded: Mary

* 1. **Children's Representative**

Jo Crouch Proposed: Tim Seconded: Mary

1. **Shows & Events** 
   1. **Cancellation of February lecture evening**

Mary proposed to cancel the lecture evening held in February each year. This is due to generally low support of that event and the difficultly in finding suitable speakers. Mary proposed to focus efforts on the October lecture evening instead. This was agreed by the floor.

* 1. **Proposed removal of entry fees for Children's classes**

Alan proposed, on behalf of Oliver, to remove the entry fees of all Children’s classes in future society flower shows. This is aimed at removing any obstacles to children entering in the shows. It was additionally proposed to maintain children’s prize money at the current levels, however the floor proposed additionally raising these to be equal to the adult prizes. This was accepted and will be implemented from the Spring Show 2019.

* 1. **Proposed prize for Spring and Autumn shows in memory of Malcolm and Joan Moss**

Mary asked the floor for ideas for a prize or award in memory of Malcolm and Joan Moss who passed away earlier in 2018. The family of Malcolm and Joan has kindly offered to provide such a prize in their memory. Members were asked to bring forward any ideas to the committee over the course of the coming months.

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

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

1. **Any other business**
   1. **Jars for preserve classes**

Jo indicated that there was some confusion around the rules for jars in the preserve classes at shows. In particular, several entrants had been disqualified in recent shows due to the ‘wrong’ type of jars being used. Mary agreed to look into this further with one of the preserve judges, with a view to clarifying the rule in next year’s shows.

**Close of Meeting** : 8:00pm