

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Friday 22 November 2019 18.30 – 19.45 at Wymondham Garden Centre, Tuttle Lane, Wymondham, Norfolk

53 members were welcomed by Chairman Martyn Davey, who said it was good return to Wymondham Garden Centre for the second time.

Apologies: Ray & Pauline Martin , Simon Gaches, Gloria Goodley, John & Pam Castro, Geoff Freeman, Phill Webdale, John & Anne Bridge, Robin McDonald & Ed Lowman

1. **Minutes of the last meeting:** minutes of the 2018 AGM were accepted with one small amendment to numbering. No matters arising.
2. **Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2019:** Frances Howard introduced the accounts and copies were circulated. It had been another good year, with a net income of £798. Shows had cost more but income from events had increased. Costs had reduced, with only three journals instead of four. Gift Aid claims had all been submitted. Overall reserves were £30,254 and we were in a strong position overall. We do get interest on our deposit account, minimal at present. There were no questions and the accounts were accepted.
3. **Chairperson's report and review of the year:** Martyn Davey thanked everyone for their continuing input and involvement. He apologised for the delay in issuing the Norfolk Gardener. Our editor had been out of action during building work on his house for a much longer period than expected. We are now back on track and everyone was encouraged to send articles for publication.
4. **General Secretary's Report:** Lesley Webdale said it had been another busy year, with our profile and number of enquiries continuing to increase and lots of events to organise. Covering the Social Secretary role as well as being General Secretary was challenging – thank you to Virginia Valentine for taking the event bookings. We urgently need someone to take on the Social Secretary role. Lesley made special General Secretary awards to Tricia Loades and Shirley Cross, who had both made themselves available across the year and provided invaluable support at many shows and events.
7. **President's Report:** Adrian Bloom thanked Lesley for all her hard work on behalf of the society and for the forward planning. We are helping to increase communication between affiliated and other societies, which is good, but there is still a lot more work to do to find out about other societies to help with taking "Gardening for Everyone" forward. Adrian encouraged everyone to help with identifying societies. There would be another President's Evening at Bressingham in July 2020.
9. **Election of officers and committee for 2019/20:** The society needed a show secretary and someone to take on the social secretary role. Geoff Freeman stood down from the show secretary role, all other existing committee members were will to stand for re-election. The following were voted in:

Chairperson	Martyn Davey
Vice Chairperson	Len Finch
Treasurer	Frances Howard
General Secretary	Lesley Webdale
Social Secretary	Vacancy (Virginia Valentine happy to continue to be Bookings Secretary but did not want to take on the whole role.)
Show Secretary	Vacancy
Show Manager	Peter Firman
Floral Art Co-ordinator	Gloria Goodley
Committee	Simon Gaches, Cynthia Young, Cathryn Waldron

10. AGM formally closed at 19:30.

11. **President's Medal:** this is an award considered by committee and awarded to people who have given long and loyal support. The 2020 award had been made to Peter Fisk at the late autumn show, in recognition of his many years of showing with the society.

12. Presentation of trophies to overall show winners for 2018: President, Adrian Bloom, presented annually awarded trophies as follows:

JA Christie Cup, greatest number of points in open classes at all shows	Pauline Harper
John Wyatt Membership Cup, runner up to most points	Pauline Kinmond
JE Moxey Cup, Best Pot Plant exhibit	Susan Cranmer
Lord Lieutenant's Challenge Cup, most meritorious amateur exhibit	Susan Cranmer
HWT Empson, greatest number of points in flower arranging classes	Jacquie Aldous
May & Baker Cup, most first prizes in vegetable classes	Pauline Harper
E Harradine Shield, most points in cacti & succulent classes	Susan Cranmer
Lombe-Taylor Trophy, best vegetable exhibit	Paul Payne
HP Neave – most promising newcomer	Simon White
Drayton Shield, affiliated society with most points	Shipdham Garden Club & Horticultural Society
RHS Banksian Medal, highest number of points in horticultural classes	Pauline Harper