



CARDINHAM GARDENING CLUB
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at 7.30pm on Monday the 14th of January 2008
in Cardinham Parish Hall

Apologies

Andy and Shirley Searle, Loveday and Richard Sutton, Mike and Midge Frost, Sue Summers, Eileen Catt, Len Sullivan, Gwen and Peter Borlaise, Pam Scholes, Pauline Bunker.

40 members attended the meeting.

The minutes of the AGM held on Monday the 8th of January 2007 were read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

Libby commented on the difference in the weather during 2007 to that in 2006, and the wet summer we had.

During 2007 we have had a varied programme of meetings which we hope have met the needs of members. Most have been well attended with the exception being the visit to the Eden project. We have had a range of talks, walks and trips. The weather hasn't been good this year and we had a really wet day at Hidcote, and thanks are due to Loveday for organising the trip. The cider and pasty evening was very successful and thanks go to David and Ann Flynn and Claire and Mark Woodbine for their hospitality. The tips and snips evening has been very popular and about 60 people attended. The annual Christmas dinner on the 7th of December was enjoyed by all who attended, we had excellent food and a very enjoyable speech from George Kestell. We have a wide range of talks and trips organised 2008 which we hope everybody will enjoy.

Details of the programme, and other information about the club are available on our website and Libby thanked Sue for the work she does on the website.

Libby thanked all of the committee for their support and work during the year especially her fellow officers Loveday and Sue, and also thanked everyone for supporting the club. She reminded everyone that the committee welcomed ideas from any member of the club.

Treasurer's report

Sue read the report on behalf of Loveday. We have a balance of over £400 in our account. Most visits are self funding and thanks to the money we raise from the raffle, speaker fees for talks are covered. This year we saw a small shortfall for the cider and pasty evening and the Christmas dinner, which the club has paid for. We do not need to do any fund raising, and the committee has decided to leave subscriptions at £5 for a single, £9 for a couple.

The balance sheet is audited by Jill Brown, a local resident who is independent of the Gardening club. There was some discussion about whether the accounts as presented were actually a balance sheet, although there was no question about the accuracy of the figures. (Post Meeting Note: Following the AGM it was decided that the figures presented would be more accurately described as a Statement of Income and Expenditure, and they would be titled as such in future). Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Geoff Bull and seconded by David Flynn.

Committee elections

The present committee has been in place for two years and so is due for election. No nominations had been sent to the Secretary in advance of the meeting and none were received from the floor on the evening. It was suggested that the committee should be re-elected en-block: proposed by Gwynn Seume, seconded by Margaret Toff, voted unanimously in favour.

Chair: nominated Libby Pidcock; proposed by Richard Brice, seconded by David Flynn, voted unanimously in favour.

Vice-chair: nominated Richard Brice; proposed Gill Long, seconded Margaret Bate, voted unanimously in favour.

Treasurer: nominated Loveday Sutton; proposed Peter Scholes, seconded Sue Crier, voted unanimously in favour.

Secretary: nominated Sue Crier; proposed David Flynn, seconded Jane Dickinson, voted unanimously in favour.

Constitution

There has been some concern about what would happen if the committee and/or the club were in any dispute. To this end Mick Martin and David Flynn have been working on a Constitution which had been presented to the membership. After some discussion the document as presented was proposed for acceptance by Mick Martin and seconded by Simon Smart. The membership voted unanimously for acceptance. Libby signed a copy of the document.

A copy will be on the website and the secretary will hold a signed copy, paper copies would be available on request.

AOB

The free magazine Cornwall Country Garden will be available for members at meetings.

Mick Martin had details of an RHS course being run at Pine Lodge for any member who is interested.

Sue requested volunteers from the tea and raffle Rota for future meetings.

Members were asked to check that their address and telephone and e-mail details were correct when they paid their subs.

Meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes Agreed

Signed

Date