

BUXTED HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 31 MARCH 2021 at 6pm

PRESENT: Stephen Povey (Acting Chair), Kirsten Brown, David Wells, Irma Williamson, Susan Pearson, Lisa Ayling, Gillian Mann, Sheila Bartholomew, Susan Nichols, Linda Churnside (Minutes)

APOLOGIES:

AGENDA:

Stephen welcomed people to the Zoom meeting, which had been necessary due to the continuation of lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic. He expressed his thanks to David Wells, Jane Wells and Irma Williamson, who are retiring from the Committee after a number of years of working hard for the Society. David has kindly offered to stay on as Vice-Chairman this year to help with transfer to new officers.

Pat Donovan has sadly died since the last AGM and David suggested we award her the 2020 Banksian medal posthumously. This was agreed.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

The Minutes of the 2020 AGM were circulated to members and were agreed with no changes. There were no matters arising.

There were no Chairman or Show Secretary reports due to the Covid-19 restrictions in 2020.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stephen shared his Treasurer's Report. There was no activity in 2020 but a few subscriptions were paid, to the RHS for example, and there were a few modest running costs. As a few people paid their annual subscription to the Society the deficit for the year was £158. We have very little cash in the current account, approx £100, and approx £5000 in a savings account. Stephen, in consultation with the two signatories will close this and transfer its contents to the current account. The accounts for 2020 were agreed and will be signed by Malcolm Nobile before being submitted to the Charity Commission. We need to find another auditor for 2022.

ELECTION:

The following people were elected to the following positions

CHAIR:	Linda Churnside	proposed Sheila Bartholomew	seconded Sue Nichols
VICE-CHAIR	David Wells	proposed Linda Churnside	seconded Sheila Bartholomew
TREASURER	Stephen Povey	proposed Sue Nichols	seconded Sheila Bartholomew
AUDITOR	vacant		
SECRETARY	Susan Pearson	proposed Sheila Bartholomew	seconded Linda Churnside
MEMBERSHIP	Lisa Ayling	proposed Sheila Bartholomew	seconded Gillian Mann
SHOW SECRETARY	Lisa Ayling	proposed Gillian Mann	seconded Linda Churnside
ASSISTANT SHOW SECRETARY	Linda Churnside	proposed Sheila Bartholomew	seconded Gillian Mann

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Sheila Bartholomew proposed Linda Churnside seconded Susan Pearson
Kirsten Brown proposed Sheila Bartholomew seconded Linda Churnside
Gillian Mann proposed Sheila Bartholomew seconded Lisa Ayling
Sue Nichols proposed Linda Churnside seconded Stephen Povey

CHARITY TRUSTEES

Stephen suggested that the Trustees of the Buxted Horticultural Society should be the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Show Secretary. This was formally proposed and seconded by Kirsten Brown and Sheila Bartholomew. David will give Stephen and Linda the access details to the Charity Commission website one he has posted the changes and filed this year's accounts.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2021

The proposal for membership fees for 2021 was £4 single, £5.50 for a couple and £6.50 for a family. This was agreed.

THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIETY

Linda offered to host the email account and answer emails once David has handed-over and Stephen offered to have his address as the postal address for the Society. The address will become

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These two offers were accepted by the meeting.

David offered to keep the website up to date until June. He had kindly donated the website hosting fees for 2020. We will reimburse David for January to June 2021. We hope to have a new website online by then. Lorna has kindly offered to input design and continue designing posters remotely. These offers were also gratefully accepted.

David said that this has been an uncertain year due to lockdown and that it is not clear yet when the BHS will be able to put on in-person shows. He pointed out that the Parish Council has proposed certain upgrading of facilities in the Reading Room and that we would need to find out when this work will be carried out.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Irma asked about our membership of a seed discount scheme. David could perhaps update us on this in due course.

Meeting closed at 6.40pm.