

SOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE GARDENING CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Saturday 3 November 2018 at 1.45pm

1. Christine welcomed members and received apologies for absence from Marianne Wright and David Thompson.
2. The Minutes of the EGM held 23rd September 2017 and the AGM held 4th November 2017 were confirmed. It was proposed that they were accepted by Ian Hargest and seconded by Sylvia Neale. It was agreed by the meeting.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. Chairman's Report: Christine said the first year of the new Club had been successful and we are in a healthy financial position. She mentioned various visits last year. In the new programme we will have three visits organised by members and of course the holiday in Hampshire. There are some very good speakers on the programme, Helen Picton and Michael Marriott from David Austin Roses.
Christine went on to thank the committee for the smooth running of the club and those who work behind the scenes, Phil and Jenny Robinson organising the teas and Patti for the Plant Fair. Unfortunately, Katrina and Maggie have had to step down from the committee and Christine thanked them for their help and support. She also thanked Chris for his creating the new web site keeping it up to date.
We are grateful to Roy and Pat Milnes who will take over organising the teas next year and to Claire Dale for joining the committee.
5. Treasurer's Report: Penny reported the opening of the new club has been successful and the remaining money was split equally between the National Cottage Garden Society and the newly formed Club. This gave us £551.90 and a donation of £300 showed an opening balance of £851.90. Most of our former members transferred their membership to the new club.
Penny said the accounts have not yet been audited as we have not been trading for a full year. We have ended the year with a healthy bank balance and Penny recommended reducing the fees to £14 per person and £21 for a couple.
As this year we have had several people who have booked and then not turned up for various reasons, it was decided by the committee that if a member cancelled with enough time for us to inform the garden owner then we would refund the money. If however, they did not turn up and the owner charged us the amount we had booked for, then we could not refund. Penny said she would be happy to answer questions on the accounts.
Acceptance of the treasurer's report was proposed by Jenny Robinson and seconded by Katrina Stephens. This was agreed by the meeting.
6. Election of Auditor: Penny proposed Roy Milnes, who was happy to do this. Seconded by Sylvia Neale. This was agreed by the meeting.
7. Election of Officers and Committee for 2019.
Christine Flint, Penny Walshe, Ian Hargest, Nicky Jones, Helena Gohar, Jo Dawson
Were re-elected en bloc. This was agreed by the meeting.
8. Any other business: Jo thanked Christine for her work as Chairman.
9. AGM next year 2nd November 2019.