

Minutes of Annual General Committee Meeting held on Sunday 9th December 2018 - 11.00 am in the trading hut

Attendees

Chair - Anthea Schmid

Vice Chair – Chris Rowsome

Secretary – Diane Rowsome

Treasurer – Raymond Bradley

Karen Fitzgerald

Alan LeConte

Ron Drinkwater

Joe Ambrosano

Steve Dyason

Lisa Kennett

Bill Walters

Ron Drinkwater

Eric

Rob Porter

Norman

Apologies:

Louise Clarke

1. Welcome by Chairman

The meeting was opened by the chairman who welcomed everyone. It has been a very interesting year getting used to the new company IdVerde, coping with the wonderful hot summer and holding some successful fundraising events. Bonfire night was a particular success with an unexpected visit from the London Fire Brigade!

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer proceeded to give his report, summarised as follows:

Notes to Accounts 31st October 2018

1. Stock down £250
2. Sales down £150 at £2,812
3. Gross loss £82 (see the Trading Secretary's report (4) below)
4. Food sales at events £300
5. Within expenses total of £613 are major payments for
 - a. Food costs £64.45, produce mainly donated
 - b. Gas for shop £75
 - c. Digger hire for compost toilet £75 (½ shared cost)
 - d. Materials for compost toilet £120
 - e. Prizes and engraving £64

6. Bank balance £1500 enough for
 - a. January potato order £349 (2018 £465)
 - b. January stock orders £317 (2018 £309) This year buying canes for the year so order down

3. Site Representative's Report

There is no official Site Representative at present. Plot holders should direct any issues to IdVerde. However, Anthea seems to be the main point of contact for most people and she said she would continue to point people in the right direction if they speak to her about any issues.

Anthea clarified that the site inspections will no longer be undertaken by any plot holders or committee members. In future these will be done by IdVerde and a site representative from another allotment group in the Borough. These will take place in April. Plot holders who are issued with an improvement notice will need to inform IdVerde of any valid reasons why their plot has not been cultivated to the required standard in order for these reasons to be considered by them.

4. Trading Secretary's Report

The Trading Secretary opened his report by thanking all those people who have helped to keep the shop open. His report is summarised below:

1. Thanks to shop staff
2. Poor sales
 - a. 2014 = £4,212
 - b. 2015 = £4.330
 - c. 2016 = £2.927
 - d. 2017 = £2,974
 - e. 2018 = £2,812
3. Gross loss for the year was potato sales, onions and garlic
 - a. Demographic and the troubles
4. Coming year looking for a much improved year with
 - a. If weather permits more outside displays
 - b. More publicity via email, website and Facebook group
5. Garlic stock was a success break even with help from other sites
 - a. Solent Wight 54 bulbs
 - b. Early purple Wight 4 bulbs
 - c. Mersley Wight
 - d. Value for stock takes Zero so potting up and further sales

	Sales	Cost
Mersley Wight	£ 40	£ 36.55
Early Purple Wight	£ 51.20	£ 28.49
Solent Wight	£108.00	£134.55
<u>Totals</u>	<u>£199.20</u>	<u>£199.39</u>

Seeds continue to be difficult to sell.

5. Events Secretary's Report

The Events Secretary thanked everyone for their support over the last year and stressed that we would welcome more people. The new community hut has made a big difference to these events and we look forward to using it more often in the coming year.

The dates for future events were agreed as follows:

Potato Fest 9 March 2019

Plant sales 12 May 2019

BBQ 30 June 2019

Veg show 8 September 2019

Bonfire Night 3 November 2019

AGM 10 December 2019

6. Election of Committee Members

The following posts were voted on and filled by:

Chair - Anthea Schmid

Vice Chairman – Chris Rowsome

Secretary – Diane Rowsome

Treasurer – Raymond Bradley

Casual Post: Social Secretary - Karen Fitzgerald

Other members: Louise, Steven, Lisa, Ron and Alan

5. AOB

Amendment to Constitution – the constitution has been amended with a Section 12 privacy notice to comply with the new GDPR rules. Voted and amendment agreed.

Mr Rob Porter informed the Committee that he would like the Committee to be dissolved. There followed a discussion, with some Committee members confused about why he would like this to happen and what he would implement instead. Mr Porter said he does not want to replace the Committee - he just wants it dissolved. Mr Porter is not a member of either the Association or Committee. The discussion ended with Committee members resolved to work for, and organise events for the benefit of, the wider community.

Work parties are needed throughout the year for various communal projects and emails will be sent out to all plot holders with dates and requests for volunteers.

Meeting finished at 12.10 for mince pies and mulled wine!

Note: Next meeting date to be confirmed – to discuss Potato Fest?