

Minutes of the Gander Green Allotment Committee

AGM Sunday 11th December 2016

Members:	Raymond Bradley (absent)	Joe Ambrosano
	Alan LeConte	Simon Honey
	Gordon Taylor	Chris Rowsome
	Joseph Jesus (absent)	Diane Rowsome
	Maureen Pegler (absent)	Anthea Schmid
	Ron Drinkwater	Tansy Honey
	Karen Bell	

1. Treasurers Report

A full report of the Finance accounts was presented to the committee by Karen Bell in Raymond's absence. To summarise:

Stock was up £400
Purchases down by £1200
Sales down by £1400

Gross margin 19.09% (previous year 17.8%)
Mark up 23.59% (previous year 21.65%)

Membership – no record of full or reduced membership so valued at an average of £2.00 – only 39 members during 2016. The account balance was reported as £1463.04 as at 11/12/16

There was some discussion about the falling footfall to the shop. It was agreed that we need to advertise more and stick up more notices/produce flyers about stock in the shop and also forthcoming events.

2. Trading Secretary's Report

As previously reported, Ron Drinkwater is standing down as trading secretary after 9+ years in the post. Ron reported that the amount left in the bank account will cover orders placed for stock in the shop. Karen Bell was voted in as new trading secretary.

It was agreed to use the notice board, flyers and the website more to advertise what is in the shop.

Action

KB to produce notices and flyers and a price list for the shop stock to go on website

3. Site Representative's Report

Anthea had no major issues to report. She had reported to Jackie that some empty plots have been ransacked and requested prompt re-letting of these sites if possible.

4. Potato Fest in February

Delivery for potatoes - Karen to send email out when she has a date. Members were reminded to start saving large cut loaf bags for potato sales. Shop re-opens first week in January.

5. Voting

The committee was advised previously that two members were standing down from office – Ron Drinkwater as Trading Secretary and Simon Honey as Chairman. Tansy Honey is also standing down from the committee.

After nominations were presented the following were voted on and elected:

Gordon Taylor – Chairman
Chris Rowsome – Vice Chair
Karen Bell – Trading Secretary
Raymond Bradley -Treasurer
Anthea Schmid – Site Representative
Diane Rowsome – Secretary
Karen Bell – Events Organiser

Action

Karen to notify the bank and council and any other relevant organisations of changes to the committee.

6. Dates for next year

Dates for next year were confirmed by committee:

Potato fest Sat 11th March
Open Day Sun 14th May
Summer BBQ Sunday 16th July
Veg Show Sun 3rd or 10th Sept
Bonfire Night Sun 5th Nov
AGM Sun 10th Dec

7. Any other Business

Simon reported stolen logs from his plot.

Web site – the sign outside needs to be amended as the website has been redirected. Sign to read .co.uk not .com - Ron to get it changed and also purchase another sign.

Action

Ron to get sign changed and purchase another one.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Sunday February 19th at 11.30am – Gordon to set dates for following meetings and email Diane.

Action

Gordon to email Diane with dates for further meetings.

Meeting closed at 12.00 noon.