

Independent Association of Hobbyists

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting held at the Blue Bell Public House near Witton, on Saturday 9th June 2012 at 12.00hrs.

Present: 10 members

Apologies for absence were received from Mr & Mrs Anderton, Mr & Mrs Woodhead, Mr Flanders & Miss Gray, Mr & Mrs Miller, Mr & Mrs Wood and Mr & Mrs Cookson.

Chairman's Report:

The Chair, Mr Geoff Oman thanked everyone for their presence. He also took responsibility for any misunderstanding in communication between the Secretary and Web Site Officer over the present AGM which may have accounted for a few absentees. However! He did go on to say that his reason for the choice of venue was to give the opportunity for others to see a different area. More notification will be given for the next AGM so that members can leave their calendar clear. The Chair announced that he would be standing down as well as the Secretary and Photographer.

Minutes of the last AGM:

The minutes of the last meeting had been published on the website and copies made available at the meeting. All matters arising had been covered and the minutes were accepted and agreed that they were a true record of last year's AGM.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer, Mr David Lawson, produced a detailed breakdown of the accounts which can be read as an attachment. The total account was down by £90 from the previous year but the association has purchased a Coleman Event Shelter, 12 volt battery charger for the Association Camera, upgrade for the web site and free nights for members on some rallies and the provision of food for the previous AGM.

The Newsletter has gone from what used to be several hundred pounds to almost nothing due to it being published on the web site. For those members with no access to the web it was previously agreed to provide a CD and it be posted to them. To date there have been no request for that service.

Forty members have paid their subscriptions by standing order but there remained sixteen outstanding payments, but there have been fourteen new members.

The accounts for the year had been distributed and these were accepted and agreed.

Membership Secretary's Report:

Christine Lawson reported that still too many members are having to be chased/reminded for membership renewal, which is time consuming and costly in keep having to visit the Bank when the Standing Order was implemented to help prevent this.

There have been many enquiries about membership from the web site but not enough returns, which may show a trend of the times.

It was also confirmed that any member who left the Association who wished to return years later do not have to pay the 'one off payment'.

News Editor & Technical Officer's Report:

Mr Barden reported that there had been 15 technical requests and if he could not answer the question himself, he was able to pass the person onto someone who may have been able to help.

Mrs Barden had reported that costs to produce the News Letter had been reduced substantially, however! It has grown harder to produce due to the lack of stories/information from members. Mrs Barden was grateful to all those who had submitted articles and hopes those members will continue to keep us interested in their adventures.

Website Officer's Report:

Mr Ken Cookson was unable to be with us due to his travels in Italy (the Association were unwilling to pay his expenses to fly back). On the positive side we hope he can help Claire with some stories.

At the last AGM it was suggested that Mr Cookson provide some training on the web site to Mr Charity. Unfortunately the pair only had the opportunity on the one occasion and due to technical issues it didn't go as well as expected. It was agreed to persevere.

An upgrade was purchased for the web site which would make the uploading of all information easier and this was included on the Association laptop which will enable any future Newsletter Editor to upload to the web site.

General Secretary's Report.

Due to family illness Mrs Wood was unable to attend the AGM but sent her thanks to everyone for their support. Mrs Wood has now stood down due to the fact she has sold her motorhome. She did report that she left with everything in order and up to date, passing the books onto Mr Charity.

Association Photographer's Report:

Mr Watson reported that he had been with the Association so long, that he could no longer carry the photograph albums around, and that he would now be standing down. The position was open for any other member to pick up the camera. Nobody at the AGM felt that they had the David Baily/Ed Watson flair so the position is now thrown out to the members.

Election of Committee:

Chairman:	Tony Charity	Proposed Geoff Oman, Seconded Trevor Barden
General Secretary:	Tony Charity	Proposed Dave Lawson, Seconded Geoff Oman
Membership Secretary	Christine Lawson	to continue
Treasure:	David Lawson	to continue
Accounts Examiner	Jan Charity	to continue
Rally Co-Ordinator	Post discontinued	
Disciplinary Officer	Vera Watson	to continue
Association Photographer	Post Open	
Website Officer	Ken Cookson	to continue
Newsletter Officer	Clare Barden	to continue
Technical Officer	Trevor Barden	to continue

Any Other Business:

Committee:

Mr Charity took on two positions as they are closely linked and no other person was willing to come forward. It is not an ideal situation and if any member stepped forward to offer their services, for either role, then the situation would be readdressed.

Expenses:

The Association had paid £193 towards food for the previous AGM and £150 for two night's site fees. It was proposed by Mr Lawson that £10 was paid towards each person's food and the site fee of £75 for the rally. This was agreed by everyone.

Next AGM:

It was proposed by Mr Lawson that the next AGM be held at the Ambleside Rally which is being held towards the end of June 2013, or have it as a stand by, as it would be geographically better placed in the Midlands, so that the majority of people could reach it without too much travelling. If any member has a suggestion of a venue, Mr Charity would be pleased to hear from you.

The New Chairman:

Mr Charity expressed his thanks to Mr Oman for his efforts over the last year and for organising the rally at Witton on his Brother's property, giving us an excellent opportunity to see this beautiful area, and to pass our thanks onto his family for their hospitality.

Thanks were also given to Mrs Woods who stood down as Secretary and the rest of the Committee for all their hard work over the past year.

Special acknowledgement was given to Mr Ed Watson who has been the Association Photographer since the beginning of our group. He has captured some of the wonderful memories we have experienced and helped us recall some of our past and lost friends. **THANK YOU Mr FLASH.**

The meeting closed with the hope that perhaps some our members may step forward and organise a rally in their own area and give us all something to look forward to. Anyone needing advice can contact any Committee Member.

Attachments:

Notes to the accounts.