

# Minutes of the E.H.S. AGM held

on Sunday 27th May 2017 from 11am at the Trading Hut

**Present:**

David Barlow Brian Hill Colin Spires Gerry Edwards Lesley Crowcroft	Maureen Pidgeon John Crowcroft Sue Alexander Alan Thomas Colin Jones (General secretary)
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1.0	Chairman's opening remarks	Actions
1.1	Gerry Edwards opened the meeting at 11am	
1.2	Gerry welcomed all and reflected on the past year and the continued success of the Society both in the quality in exhibits & the sustained member levels	
2.0	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Wayne Hirst Barbara Betterton Rosemary Bannister Paul White Pam Spires Olive White	
3.0	<b>President's Address undertaken by the Vice President Colin Spires</b>	
3.1	Colin comment that the society is going from strength to strength primarily attributed to the Executive Committee but highlighted the need for the help given by the volunteers for the society to be good all of which will ensure that the Society will continue to function	
4.0	<b>Minutes from the previous meeting</b>	
4.1	Minutes from the 2016 AGM were accepted by all as true record	
4.2	<b>Matters arising from the previous 2016 minutes</b> No matters arising	
5.0	<b>Executive committee report</b>	

5.1	Colin Jones (General Secretary) presented a report on the activities of the executive committee during 2016/2017  4 Executive meetings were held	
5.2	<b><u>Main Actions</u></b>  General hut maintenance  Reviewing Actions raised by the show sub committee  Monitoring of Membership numbers are stable but are being monitored in respect to any need to recruitment/marketing  Finances  Attendance at funding events such as those at Eastcote House gardens  Trips agreed and actioned  Annual Dinner	
5.3	Thanks to the local sponsors was recognised	
5.4	The activities of the Executive Committee were tabled for approval All agreed.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Financial report</b>	
6.1	The financial report for 2016 were circulated and tabled for acceptance Proposed by Leslie Crowcroft Seconded by Colin Spire	
6.2	Highlights from the accounts were detailed by Wayne with the main item being the transfer of funds to the repairs reserve of £500 and a transfer of funds to the Equipment reserve of £750.	
6.3	The accounts showed a slight nett surplus of £233.63	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Show Sub-committee report</b>	
7.1	The show report was presented by Sue Alexander, highlighting	
7.2	Three shows held in March, June and September. We are attracting new exhibitors to the shows, including the cubs and beavers from 6th Eastcote, but would still like to see more members exhibit at the shows. There are committee members present on the morning of the show to help with presenting the items on the show benches.	
7.3	Thank you to everyone who helps at the shows, from those who bake cakes, make the teas, set up the show from 8 am and take it down at 4.30 pm. We are looking for more helpers so if you'd like to be involved either on the day or to help with tasks prior to the show please let me know.	

7.4	Thank you to our President Catherine Dann and Vice Presidents Pam and Colin Spires who have presented prizes and judged over the past year.	
7.5	The Show Schedule for the Summer and Autumn Show has been completed and will be available at the Hut and online next week.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Social Secretary's Report</b>	
8.1	The social events report was presented by Sue Alexander, highlighting	
8.2	There were two coach trips in 2016 - to Royal Botanic Gardens Kew in April and to Waddesdon Manor Christmas market and light show in December. There was a good number of people on each trip.	
8.3	We had our annual dinner in November at Sensi Italian restaurant in Eastcote. Our group had exclusive use of the restaurant and we were well looked after, with generous portions of excellent food.	
8.4	Our first trip for 2017 was yesterday. We visited RHS Wisley Gardens. Please let me know if you have ideas for future coach trips.	
8.5	In addition, may I remind you that we advertise all our activities on our website as well as at the Hut. We also email our members with news so if you have an email address and don't currently receive emails from us please let us know your email address.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Election of President &amp; Vice Presidents</b>	
9.1	The position of president to be continued by Catherine Dann was nominated by the Executive Committee and agreed by all –.	
9.2	Colin and Pam Spires were proposed by the Executive committee as Vice Presidents This was agreed by all	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Election of officers and Financial Auditor</b>	

10.1	<p>The re-election of the society officers and executive committee members was proposed on block, being</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Gerry Edwards</td> <td>Chairman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Colin Jones</td> <td>General Secretary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wayne Hirst</td> <td>Treasurer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alan Thomas</td> <td>Trading Secretary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sue Alexander</td> <td>Social &amp; Web Site Secretary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brian Hill</td> <td>Membership Secretary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Barlow</td> <td>Bulletin Editor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barbara Betterton</td> <td>Show Manager</td> </tr> </table> <p>Executive committee members Valerie Crowe Maureen Pidgeon</p> <p>Proposed by Leslie Crowcroft and seconded by Rosemary Bannister</p> <p>Rosemary Bannister was also elected to the executive committee</p>	Gerry Edwards	Chairman	Colin Jones	General Secretary	Wayne Hirst	Treasurer	Alan Thomas	Trading Secretary	Sue Alexander	Social & Web Site Secretary	Brian Hill	Membership Secretary	David Barlow	Bulletin Editor	Barbara Betterton	Show Manager	
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10.3	<p>Steve Cox was prepared to stand as society auditor again Accepted by all</p>																	
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11.1	<p>Leslie Crowcroft Proffered a thank you to all of the Executive Committee for their work in the society</p>	<b>Note</b>																
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Meeting closed at 11:28am</b>																	