

# Rusland Valley Horticultural Society

## Minutes of The Annual General Meeting held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 at 7:30pm

30 members were in attendance.

1	<p><b><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 8 apologies.</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Minutes of the AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017.</u></b></p> <p>These were approved and signed by the chairman.</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>Danny Chalmers and Rosie Barton when asked did not want to be members of the Committee so their names are not on the list. Rosie is willing to help where necessary.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Secretary's Report</u></b></p> <p>Antony Meanwell has been secretary for approaching 10 years. He did an excellent job and will be missed.</p> <p>There were 5 committee meetings during the year and an EGM. A dance, a Potato Day and a Coffee Morning were held during the year as fundraising events.</p> <p>On Show Day there were 1,000 entries in the tents from 105 adults and 58 children. It was a fantastic display. The Show went well due to the hard work of dedicated helpers. There was a good crowd who stayed on late to participate in or watch the events. The work of clearing up should never be forgotten and there was a good number of people and a good spirit for this. The Secretary was grateful for all the help in the secretary's tent on Show Day especially from Mandy Lane and Colin Barr as well as Margaret Postlethwaite.</p> <p>After a two month break, the preparations for the Show start again.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> the Secretary was asked to write to Antony Meanwell to thank him for all his work in his tenure as Secretary.</p>	<p><b>Action MB</b></p>
5	<p><b><u>Accounts and Treasurer's Report.</u></b></p> <p>(i) <u>Show Account</u></p> <p>The Show did well. The gate (£3,338) although not the highest ever was respectable. Entry fees (£160) were the highest ever. One subscription book is missing but in aggregate the income (£1,498) was good. Donations were very good: Lowick YF who ran the Bar donated £200. Potato Day was the highest ever (£1,218).</p> <p>Some expenses were carried over from the 2017 Accounts and the Show Accounts now carry the insurance cost (£600).</p> <p>Profit was £3,369. There were no questions.</p>	

	<p>(ii) <u>Tent Account</u></p> <p>Hirings - £14,546</p> <p>Expenses - £6,380</p> <p>Profit - £8,767</p> <p>Coffee Morning - £620</p> <p>Dance - £391</p> <p>Donations - £125</p> <p>Tom Watson was congratulated and thanked for all his hard work in relation to the tents. He said he needs someone to shadow him in 2019 and take over in 2020.</p>	
6	<p><b><u>Entrance Fee</u></b></p> <p>Presently £5 adults and £1 children. They were last raised in 2015. A general discussion followed. Agreed that it was vitally important not to discourage children.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> Entrance fees to stay the same.</p>	<b>Decision</b>
8	<p><b><u>Appointment of</u></b></p> <p>(i) <u>President 2019</u></p> <p>Mary Dewhurst elected proposed by John Watson and seconded by Margaret Postlethwaite.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Vice-President 2019</u></p> <p>Angus Adams elected proposed by Margaret Postlethwaite and seconded by Maureen Boyren.</p> <p>(iii) <u>Chair</u></p> <p>John Watson elected proposed by Jon Woddy seconded by Tony Atkinson.</p> <p>(iv) <u>Vice-chair</u></p> <p>Tony Atkinson elected proposed by John Watson and seconded by Tom Watson</p> <p>(v) <u>Secretary</u></p> <p>Maureen Boyren elected proposed by John Watson and seconded by Richard Dobson.</p> <p>(vi) <u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>Richard Dobson elected proposed by Barbara Woddy and seconded by Colin Barr.</p> <p>Jon Woddy, the retiring President , thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to be President. He felt it was a privilege and he greatly enjoyed his time as President.</p>	

8	<p><b><u>Appointment of New Committee Members</u></b></p> <p>(i) A letter was read out from Antony Meanwell saying he needed to resign from the committee. He said that he had been Secretary since 2009 and of necessity had followed a Just-in-Time approach. His time in the Valley held special memories and he wished the Show well and encouraged everyone to keep the traditions alive.</p> <p>(ii) Duncan Clegg wished to resign as Treasurer after many years doing this important role. He was thanked by the President.</p> <p>(iii) <b>Actions:</b> Jon Woddy will ask Jan Steventon if she would consider joining the committee. Colin Barr will ask Helen Clark. Tony Atkinson will approach Tim Winder.</p> <p>(iv) Gordon Wilkinson pointed out that there are no committee members from Bouth or Finsthwaite.</p> <p>(v) Tom Watson was elected an Honorary Life Member proposed by Maureen Boyren and seconded by Tony Atkinson.</p> <p>(vi) Richard Dobson was elected an Honorary Life Member proposed by Maureen Boyren and seconded by Jon Woddy.</p>	<p><b>Actions Jon Woddy, Colin Barr and Tony Atkinson</b></p>																				
9	<p><b><u>Showfield</u></b></p> <p>Richard Dobson summarised the position. He said the main aim was to secure the Show's future. A major element in achieving this would be to own the tents (already achieved) and to own the Showfield (the issue he was addressing).</p> <p>The Show has been on the Showfield since the mid-1950s. The land came up for sale at Christmas 2010 and a successful bid at auction was funded by RVHS and RVCT. Joint ownership of the land (27 acres in all of which 6 acres was the Showfield) was not viable and the title to the Showfield was taken by RVCT and the remaining land went to RVHS. RVCT gave RVHS an option to buy the Showfield and at a price determined by an agreed qualified valuer. The valuer values the Showfield at £62,000</p> <p>RVHS now has funds sufficient to make a decision whether to purchase.</p> <p>The figures are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="331 1697 992 2033"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cost</th> <th>£</th> <th>Funds</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Purchase</td> <td>62,000</td> <td>Show Accounts</td> <td>48,456</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Valuer</td> <td>420</td> <td>Legacy from Bobbie Dobson</td> <td>15,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Legal costs</td> <td>950</td> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>63,456</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>63,370</b></td> <td>Funds remaining</td> <td>9,763</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cost	£	Funds		Purchase	62,000	Show Accounts	48,456	Valuer	420	Legacy from Bobbie Dobson	15,000	Legal costs	950	<b>Total</b>	<b>63,456</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>63,370</b>	Funds remaining	9,763	
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	<p>Richard Dobson said that he Field Committee recommends that RVHS proceed with the purchase and believes that £9,763 is sufficient working capital although fundraising should continue.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> Proposed by Jon Woddy and seconded by Tony Atkinson that RVHS proceed with the purchase of the Showfield: passed with 27 votes in favour, none against and three abstentions.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> it was decided that Richard Dobson and Tony Atkinson should hold the registered title of the Showfield on behalf of RVHS and that any matters or decisions relating to the purchase should be delegated to them.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> it was decided that, as Antony Meanwell was no longer a member of the Committee, the registered title of the surrounding land already owned by RVHS should also be held by Richard Dobson and Tony Atkinson in place of Richard Dobson and Antony Meanwell as at present.</p> <p>The meeting thanked Richard Dobson for all his hard work. The Secretary said that there would be a recognition in substantive form to mark Bobbie Dobson’s generous legacy.</p>	<p><b>Decision.</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p>
10	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8:13pm

Signed ..... Mr J. Watson, Chairman Date .....