

## RUSLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of **Annual General Meeting** held on Friday 25th November 2011 at 7.30pm in The Rusland Reading Room.

### **Present,**

24 Members were present at the Meeting and there were 14 apologies.

The President, Mrs Margaret Dryden welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Chairman and Committee for making her President, a role she had been honoured to accept

### **Minutes of the previous AGM 26th November 2010;**

These minutes were approved by the Committee.

### **Matters Arising from minutes;**

Green Chairs – it was raised at the last AGM that there were a number of green chairs missing and Tom Watson confirmed that they were still missing and now look lost forever.

### **Secretary's Report;**

The Secretary read his report. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

### **Accounts and Treasurer's Report;**

The Treasurer Caroline Peet presented her report.

The following areas were all up on last year - Gate receipts, subscription books, entry fees and donations. We also received money from the sale of display board £81. However we were down on last year on both the squares and the auction. With regards to expenses these were down on last year as we didn't purchase display board this year, news paper adverts fees were cheaper and we didn't have any costs with finger prints for the green labels. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes The President thanked her on behalf of the Committee for a very good job.

The tent treasure Maureen Boyren also provided an update on the tent accounts. This showed that across the year the tents had made a profit of over £4,000. However, due to the purchase of the show field the cash reserves for the year had decreased.

### **Election of Officers;**

**President;** for 2011/12

**Mr Tom Watson**

Proposed by Maureen Boyren  
Seconded by Gordon Wilkinson.

**Vice-President;** for 2011/12

**Mrs Margaret Postlethwaite**

Proposed by Maureen Boyren  
Seconded by Tony Atkinson

**Chairman;** **Mr John Watson**  
Proposed by Gordon Wilkinson,  
Seconded by Margaret Dryden

**Vice-Chairman;** **Mr Tony Atkinson,**  
Proposed by Tom Watson,  
Seconded by Elsie Wilkinson

**Secretary;** **Mr Antony Meanwell,**  
Proposed by Amy Hool,  
Seconded by Giles Wingate Saul

**Treasurer** **Nobody proposed**

No treasurer was proposed by the committee. The secretary confirmed that a new couple had moved into Crosslands barn and that Duncan might be up for the role. AM to speak with Duncan to see he would like to join the committee.

**Tent Treasurer;** **Mrs Maureen Boyren**  
Proposed by Tom Watson  
Seconded by Antony Meanwell

**New Committee Members,**  
The following have all been accepted on the committee for 2011/2012

**Anne Ireland –** Proposed by Gordon Wilkinson  
Seconded by Margret Dryden

**Hannah Ireland –** Proposed by Margaret Postlethwaite  
Seconded by Antony Meanwell

**Trevor Slater –** Proposed by Tom Watson  
Seconded by Amy Hoole

**Mandy Barton –** Proposed by Tom Watson  
Seconded by Margret Dryden

The secretary to write to all the above to confirm they are now on the committee

**Removed from Committee.**  
Caroline Peet resigned her position on the committee

The secretary to write to the following to see if they will resign as they have not been able to take an active part in the show for a number of years and we need to ensure that we do not exceed our constitutional limit of 51 Committee members

Steve Grinrod, Philip Ramesden, Chris Benefield, Alan Wilson

**Hon Life Members**

The following were proposed as honorary life member

**Mrs Peggy Mather**

Proposed by Tom Watson

Seconded by Maureen Boyren

The secretary to write to Peggy Mather to inform her

**AOB.**

A vote was taken on increasing the Entrance Fee from £3 to £4 for adults.  
This was agreed by all.

Maureen Boyren asked that we record the committee's thanks for Caroline Peets hard work over the years.

Gordon Wilkinson asked that we record the committee's thanks for Mandy Lane's hard work over the last 10 years. And for it to be noted that Sue Benham has now taken over.

John Watson thanked all the officers and the committee for all their hard work especially the sterling work carried out by Caroline Peet

The President closed the AGM at 8:15 hours.

Signed ..... Mr Tom Watson, President    Date .....