

Minutes of Bewdley & District Horticultural Society AGM

Monday 20th February 2023

The Chairman was unable to attend the meeting as he was recovering from a recent operation. In his absence Megan Clay opened the meeting

Apologies and attendance

21 members attended the meeting and 2 visitors

Apologies from Jill Gray, Liz Akers, Jan and Gordon Cox, Ivan and Val Perrins, Lesley Connolly, Tony Marchant

Minutes of the previous meeting

No Minutes available

Chairman's welcome and report

Jan Ferguson read the Chairman's report in which he began by recognising how difficult the weather had been in 2022 for gardeners and growers. He commented on the annual show and how the change of venue had proved to be a great success. He thanked everyone involved in organising the show and to Bewdley Mayor and Mayoress for attending and for returning at a later date to present cups and trophies. He finished by thanking all members of the committee.

Treasurer's Report

Shirley presented the financial report of the society up to 31st December 2022. Comparisons were drawn with 2019 which was the last financial year not effected by the pandemic. She highlighted that although there had been a small decline in membership and fewer meetings in 2022, the finances remained very similar, mainly due to the change of venue and organisation of the annual show. The closing balance in the current account is £4715 and in the Premium account £14.72. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Jenny Frow, seconded by Diane Chater and carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

The current officers of the Society are prepared to remain in place for the coming year. This was proposed by Jenny Frow and seconded by Julie Halford and carried unanimously.

Voting to adopt the Rules of the Society

Jan Ferguson read out the proposed rules of the Society and explained why these needed to be formalised. These were passed unanimously.

Voting on the proposed increase in fees

Jan Ferguson explained why fees need to be increased and it was agreed unanimously that the membership fee should be £6 with a meeting fee of £3 for members and £4 for visitors. These were passed unanimously.

Any other business

No other business.

Jenny Frow thanked the committee for their hard work.

Date of next AGM

19th February 2024