

**EDGWORTH & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**Annual General Meeting : Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2006.**

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Audrey Hudson, Mary Eidlow, Helen Brisland

**2. Minutes of the AGM 2005.**

The minutes were read and approved by Marjorie Openshaw and seconded by David Spencer. They were then signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising.** No items were raised under this section.

**4. Chairman's Report.**

This was done as a power point presentation that proved very successful. A summary is attached.

**5. Treasurer's Report.**

- The Treasurer's Statement of Accounts was distributed to all.
- This year's attendance level has increased to an average of 50 (with the least 40 and the most 60).
- There has been a massive increase in the hire charge for the Institute this year, which amounts to 67% for the meetings and over 100% for the show.
- After questioning this increase we were awarded a grant of £1,125.
- The sum of £2.00 will be paid for cakes.
- The Treasurer informed everyone that Mr. Neville Coates had decided to step down as Auditor after many years. He was thanked for his hard work and dedication.

**The Show.**

- The plant stall was very well stocked with superb plants this year thanks to the generosity of members.
- The increase in printing costs for the Show Schedule by Images was due to the fact that they had undercharged in previous years.
- In the last year we banked a £940 surplus giving an accumulated balance of £3,309, which we should try to reduce this year.
- There is £940 surplus in the bank, which we should try to reduce this year.
- The show made a loss of almost £60 (excluding the grant and 1-off costs).
- A donation of £200 was made to MacMillan Nurses from the proceeds of the raffle.

**6. Constitution.**

A proposal to amend the Constitution, Clause 4 was unanimously agreed. 4(f) will now read as follows with the new wording emboldened.

- (f) The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary may not serve for more than three consecutive years, **unless there are no other nominations and they are willing to continue until the next AGM.**

**7. Election of Officers.**

The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary were all re-elected in the absence of any other nominations.

**8. Election of Committee**

We have had two volunteers for the vacancies on the committee.

Mrs. Janet Comer and Mrs. Sue Matthews, and both were elected onto the committee.

The Officers and Committee for 2006/7 are as follows:-

Chairman: Barbara Kenny

Treasurer: Phil Broughton

Secretary: Irene Spencer

Committee:- David Spencer, Jean Turner, Barry Scanlon, Pat Whalley, Norman Woffenden, John King, Lynda McMahon, Carol Murphy, Janet Comer and Sue Matthews .

**9. Election of Auditor.**

David Mason has agreed to become Auditor of the Accounts.

**10. Open Forum.**

- David Spencer thanked Barbara Kenny for her presentation and work as Chairman.
- Members were reminded that membership cards entitle members to a 10% discount at both Hollands and Beechwood Nurseries.

**11. Any Other Business.**

- A list for volunteer cake makers for the monthly meetings was circulated and the excellent result was 24 volunteers.
- Anthony Bremner asked if the web site could include more information about each talk.
- A request for e-mail addresses of members was made.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m. having been attended by 59 people. It was followed by an excellent potato pie supper supplied again by Hunters, the caterers, the committee and members provided cakes and Norman Woffenden supplied the wine. The evening ended with a quiz from pbi.

Signed.....

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