

EDGWORTH & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting : Wednesday, 21st November, 2007.

1. Apologies for absence.

Audrey Hudson, Gary & Sue Holt, Christine Aiken, Ian Harvey, Elizabeth Coomer and Freda Yates

2. Minutes of the AGM 2006.

The minutes were read and approved. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising.

Beechwood Nurseries no longer offer a 10% discount to members.

4. Chairman's Report.

This was done as a power point presentation and a summary is attached.

- The committee were thanked for their efforts during the last year and members were informed of the various jobs each committee member was responsible for.
- Phil Broughton was thanked for his work in obtaining the £700 grant from Blackburn with Darwen Council which subsidised the Show this year.
- Thanks went to Pat Whalley who finds speakers for the programme. Thanks were also given to the committee, cake makers, show volunteers, auditor and all members for their contribution to the success of the Society.

5. Treasurer's Report.

- The Treasurer read through his Statement of Accounts A copy of which is attached, and a copy was distributed to all.
- Average attendance has increased to 53. The October meeting had 65 members present.
- A Printer has been purchased this year and is proving to be a good investment as we can now print everything we need including the show schedules ourselves. This has been very cost effective and already the cost has been recouped. All costs are on a spreadsheet for every item printed.
- Money in the account is increasing by about £900 a year, thanks to the grants we received in the last two years, but this cannot be guaranteed.
- Meeting receipts have increased considerably because of the increase in members attending.
- There is a reserve of £4,200 in the bank. At the next committee meeting a minimum reserve will be decided and anything above will be used.

Regarding the Show.

- This was very well supported and made a profit of £85
- The plant stall was very well stocked with superb plants. Thanks were given to all members who had donated plants.
- A donation of £161 was made to Turton Tower from the proceeds of the raffle. As they are not a charity we were unable to gift aid this donation.
- Prizes were purchased for the children's Poster design competition and also for the scarecrow competition.
- Members were reminded that they should claim expenses for cake making
- Barry Scanlon was thanked for arranging for a new banner advertising the show which hung outside the Barlow Institute.

6. Election of Officers.

The Chairman and Treasurer were re-elected. The Secretary has decided to step down and John King will take over the role.

8. Election of Committee

All committee members were willing to stand for another year and in the absence of any volunteers were all re-elected.

The Officers and Committee for 2007/8 are as follows:-

| | |
|------------|----------------|
| Chairman: | Barbara Kenny |
| Treasurer: | Phil Broughton |
| Secretary: | John King |

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

9. Election of Auditor.

David Mason was elected Auditor of the Accounts. He was thanked for his work this year and for agreeing to continue.

10. Open Forum.

- Members were reminded that membership cards entitle members to a 10% discount at Hollands Nursery.
- Sandra Isherwood suggested that more expensive speakers could be invited to come.
- Gill Bullough thought that high profile speakers might be invited to speak at a large venue and tickets sold to the wider public.
- David Spencer thanked Barbara Kenny for her presentation and work as Chairman.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m. having been attended by 65 people. It was followed by a Social Evening with an excellent potato pie supper supplied again by Hunters. The committee and members provided cakes and Norman Woffenden supplied the wine.

Signed.....

Date.....