

FGSC
AGM Minutes
Sunday 27 January 2008 at 2.30pm
West Walton Village Hall

Apologies for absence:

Kim Webb, Paul Howe, Julian & Jackie Ayres, Alan McGee

Minutes of AGM Sunday 28 January 2007

The Chairman asked the floor for approval of the AGM minutes from January 2007. The following points/amendments were raised:

It was asked why the price of tea and cake has been charged at 50p per item all year and not at 25p per item as stated in last years AGM minutes. The committee apologised, as this was simply a mistake, however did ask if anyone had queried the price of tea during the year, as it seems members have been willingly paying this amount. The committee has agreed to discuss and set a price for tea and cake at their first committee meeting in February.

It was raised that the bank account balance of £211.39 stated in the minutes was incorrect and should have been stated as £820.85. The Treasurer was asked to confirm what the correct sum was. It was confirmed that the correct bank account balance related to the end of year accounts October 2007 and should be stated as £820.85. *(the £211.39 stated in the minutes related to the balance as at January 2007 – apologies are lodged by the Secretary for the confusion)*

It was raised that the minutes of last years AGM had not been published prior to December 2007 newsletter. The committee disputed this as the minutes were published in the February 2007 newsletter.

A show of hands agreed the 2007 AGM minutes with amendments stated above. The Chairman signed a copy.

Matters arising from last meeting

None arising.

Chairman's Report

Tiff thanked the Committee for all their support and efforts during the year.

He congratulated Helen Dorling, Sam Grange-Hall and Emma Durston for the safe arrival of their baby boys in recent months.

Tiff thanked Trixi Dix, who is resigning from post, for her work as Treasurer over the years.

Tiff mentioned a couple of highlights he had during the year, the visit to Sue Hutchinson's holding in the summer, despite pouring rain throughout the afternoon, the visit was very enjoyable and the wood and gardens were lovely to see. He also enjoyed the interesting Apple identification talk by Bob Lever at the November meeting.

Tiff thanked everyone who had hosted meetings and events at their holdings during the year and he is looking forward to another successful year of smallholding.

Treasurer's Report

Accounts as published in the December 2007 newsletter. In summary:

Bank Account	£1284.32
Saving	£1361.72
Cash	£14.21

Copies of the accounts were distributed to those present at the meeting. The treasurer explained specific items of income and expenditure to the floor.

Vote for SGM

Tiff at this point stood to say a few words to the floor about the club, its history, its purpose, the fees and our constitution, leading onto a vote for a Special General Meeting.

Objections were lodged by a small minority of members on the floor regarding the committee's actions during the year and the lack of 'members vote' regarding a fee increase and proposed constitution changes (as published in the December newsletter).

A discussion took place and members on the floor spoke with their points of view about the work carried out by the committee during the year and questioned the objections raised.

Following the discussion, a motion was put to the floor to vote to hold a SGM to discuss membership fee increase and constitution changes against the recommendation of the committee. There was a unanimous vote against any changes being made to the constitution and nobody voted for an SGM.

Election of Officers

There was a show of hands to elect the following nominated persons to post:

Chairman	Tiff Hall
Vice Chairman	Shane Durston
Secretary	Emma Durston
Newsletter Editor	Caroline Wilkinson Roberts

The following positions were vacant, Tiff proposed those named and Mick Matthews seconded these. There were no objections from the floor.

Treasurer	Sarah Sayers
Catering Secretary	Eileen Noakes

Election of Committee Members

There was a show of hands to elect the following nominated persons to post:

Judith Hall
Carol Matthews
Tony Turk
Tony Dudley
Mick Matthews
Dot Halfhide
Bill Noakes

It was pointed out that the rules state the club committee is a total of 12 members. As we have 13 nominations, to adhere to the constitution Judith Hall retracted her nomination.

Appoint Auditor for ensuing year

Trixi advised that Mrs Carol Draper is no longer acting as auditor of the club accounts. Tiff suggested that he approach his Accountant to establish if he would be willing to audit the end of year club accounts. There being no objections, this suggested action was approved and the outcome will be advised at the next committee meeting.

Any Other Business