

# **Bookham Wine Club**

Annual General Meeting: 11 October 2021 at 7:30pm

Venue: The Old Barn Hall

## **1 Welcome**

David Fulton welcomed those present to the meeting.

## **2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Kathy Bucknall, Jan and Peter Clarke, Richard and Janice Evans, Kevin Forder, Deborah and Tom Gallacher, Gordon Marshall, Evelyn and Martin Nathanson, Gill and Bill Whitman.

9 members had not responded to the invitation.

## **3 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 12 October 2020**

The minutes were approved, proposed by Vivienne Varley, seconded by Shirley Adams, and carried unanimously.

## **4 Chairman's report**

The Chairman briefly reviewed the meetings held in the last year. Garden meetings were well received, and he thanked those members who had hosted a group.

## **5 Treasurer's report and accounts**

The Secretary, standing in for the Treasurer, explained that with all the uncertainty prevailing last year, the committee had decided that each event should break even so that the reserves were protected. This policy had been skillfully executed by the Treasurer so that the result was a small deficit of £52.

There were no questions from the members. Paul Sanders, the examiner, was thanked for his work. Gillian Wolstenholme proposed that the accounts be adopted. Sally Fulton seconded this, and it was carried unanimously.

## **6 Subscription**

The Chairman said that although the Club's financial position was good, costs next year would be bound to rise. The cost of wines was noticeably increasing, there was a full programme of professional speakers, and the Barn Hall was more expensive than the Harrison room. In view of this, the Committee recommended that the subscription for 2022 be set at £20. Eric Martin proposed that this was accepted, Ruth Blood seconded, and the proposal was accepted unanimously.

## **7 Election of Officers, Committee and Examiner.**

The Chairman said that David Mendus, the Secretary, and Frances Sanders, a Committee member, did not wish to continue in office. Other officers, committee members, and the Examiner were willing to stand again. No nominations were received from the floor.

Eric Martin proposed that all officers who were willing to stand again should be re-elected, Edmund Morgan-Warren seconded this, and it was carried unanimously.

## **8 Ideas and suggestions from members**

David Mendus said that he had enjoyed meeting members in garden meetings and outlined an idea whereby people could continue to meet in small groups, and invited any interested members to contact him.

## **9 AOB and overview**

There was no AOB.

### **Draft Programme 2022:**

The Chairman said that next year's programme was nearly complete. More work will be done, but a likely programme would include the following:

Laithwaites present on Australia  
Keith Grainger to present on Veneto  
Nina Cerullo to present on the Medoc  
Pippa Hayward to present on Grenache  
A new presenter to showcase Chile  
Heather Dougherty to present on Rioja  
Deborah Zbinden "Where in the World"  
Nicholas Corfe to present Brazil

The Chairman informed the meeting that Michael Welford had sadly died, and sent our condolences to his wife Sheila.

Gillian Wolstenholme thanked the Chairman and Committee for their hard work in steering the Club through a very difficult year.

**The AGM concluded at approx 8.20pm**