



Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm, 10th October 2022, The Old Barn Hall

1. Welcome

The Chairman, David Fulton welcomed the 58 Members and 3 guests present at the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Liz & John Albon, Peter Bird, Chrissie & Martin Cemm, Anastasia Cotton, Richard Congdon, Richard Evans, Emma Fisher, Deborah & Tom Gallagher, Sheila Green, Mark London, Gordon Marshall, Don Moore, Evelyn & Martin Nathanson, Lesley Stafford, Vivienne & David Varley, Gill & Bill Whitman, Kate Wolverton.

3. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting, 11th October 2021

The minutes had been published on the Club website. The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Gillian Wolstenholme and seconded by Philip Spooner and approved without amendment.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report had been circulated to members before the meeting. A copy is attached at the end of these minutes.

David Fulton summarised his report and highlighted some of the most important points. In particular, the need for new committee members as several of the existing committee had indicated that they wished to retire next year. It was necessary to put the 2024 programme together by next May or June and we had to know by then that we would have a committee to carry on the work of the Club. He thanked the members of the Committee for their hard work and also the other members who had helped throughout the year, particularly with the Spanish Evening.

5. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The annual accounts had been examined and published on the Club website. A copy is attached to these Minutes.

The Treasurer, Kevin Forder, reported that the accounts were very different from last year which had been restricted to Zoom and Garden Meetings, this year, we had run a full programme and the aim had been to break even. The extra income from new members had allowed the Club to donate £250 to the BCA and the surplus from meetings to donate £250 to Ukraine. The Summer event had produced a deficit of £16

and overall the surplus on the year was £9. He thanked Paul Sanders for examining the accounts.

David Mendus proposed the adoption of the accounts and congratulated the Treasurer. This was seconded by Ian Nayler and approved by the members.

6. Annual Subscriptions

Although we know that many of our costs will rise next year, e.g. the hire of the OBH will increase by 15%, the Committee propose that the subscriptions should be unchanged next year. This was proposed by Edmund Morgan-Warren, seconded by Paul Sanders and approved by the meeting.

7. Election of Officers, Committee and Accounts Examiner

The Chairman, Treasurer and Membership Secretary were all willing to stand for a further year. Of the Committee, all were prepared to stand again apart from Ruth Blood who had decided to retire after some 18 years on the Committee, many of them as Membership Secretary. It was proposed that these be elected on block. This motion was proposed by Ian Nayler and seconded by Peter Clarke and duly approved.

Two new candidates had put themselves forward, Sandra Holland and Philip Spooner. These were proposed by David Wolstenholme and Seconded by Edmund Morgan-Warren and duly elected.

8. Ideas and Suggestions from Members

There were none.

9. 2023 Programme

The Chairman showed the 2023 Programme (attached). He pointed out that it had now been completed with the addition of December, which will be 6 wines introduced by 'Six Wise Members.' The March meeting would need members to bring their own food to match the wines shown by Nina Cerullo. A food 'brief' will be provided by Nina. The July presenter, speaking on the progress of English wines will be John Worontschak, an independent wine consultant and adviser to Denbies Wines, and the September presentation will be on 'Wine and Music' presented by Professor Charles Spence - who promises a fun evening. Another special summer event is also planned for Friday July 28. Details to follow in the New Year.

10. Any Other Business

Christine Martin proposed that special thanks should be given to Ruth Blood for her long service to the Club and that she should be given a round of applause. The members responded with gusto.

Edmund Morgan-Warren then stated that thanks should also be given the Chairman and the Committee for their hard work.

The AGM closed at 8-05 and was followed by a enjoyable presentation on the 'Six Wines of Henry VIII' by Edmund Morgan-Warren.

Minutes prepared by Eric Martin.