



SOUTH WEST DORSET TALKING NEWSPAPER

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at the Moose Lodge, Chickerell Road, Weymouth. 10:30am 4th August 2021

Welcome: Ann Sawtell, the Chair, welcomed 14 members to this year's Annual General Meeting.

Apologies: Apologies were received from 3 members.

Minutes of the Previous A.G.M. 5th August 2020 were agreed as a correct record of the proceedings, proposed by Cathrin Dunford, seconded by Derek Sawtell and accepted by the meeting. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report:

“Welcome to you all and thank you for coming.

There is not a lot to report since the last AGM so this will not be a very long report.

I think we managed to send out about 20 recordings since last August, thanks to Keith making the studio Covid safe. We are going to carry on with the screens at the moment, which means only two people reading at a time. Hopefully before long we can get back to normal

We had to delay the start of the '100 Club' so it will now run from August to July. Thanks to Michael for doing it.

We had a grant from the Council to enable us to get a new computer and monitor, as the one we were using was quite old, for a computer anyway. Thanks to Mike for setting it up.

We have applied for another grant from the Council to buy more memory sticks and wallets but that is still being processed.

Our 'Listener' numbers have dropped, but we haven't been able to do a lot to let people know about us. Hopefully that will now improve. If anyone can think of ways of telling people about us, please let me know.

We had a collection at Morrison's last Friday which raised just over £183, which is good considering many people do not now carry change.

We have the sea-front stall on the Friday 13th August and we still need helpers and donations of goods. If you are available please let Keith know. The weather forecast is good.

Thanks to the committee and all our volunteers for supporting us in difficult times, without you we could not exist. We need more people on the committee if anyone is interested.

I can't think of anything else to say so that's all for now.”

Ann Sawtell

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 30th April 2020

Michael commented that due to the ongoing pandemic this had been a difficult year. He briefly detailed the various sources of funding, in particular £1000 donation from the Foresters. Due to our major items of expenditure being fixed costs our expenditure exceeded our income for the year by £1005, leaving us with an end of financial year (30th April) reduced balance in our bank accounts of £8361

A copy of the audited accounts was distributed at the meeting. A copy is retained in the Charity's permanent file and also registered with The Charity Commission.

Michael thanked Rhys Evans for auditing the accounts.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Liz Bartlett, seconded by Dave Beeston and unanimously accepted by the meeting.

Michael also reported that the '100 Club' was now proceeding with 64 members.

Election of Ordinary Members to the Committee:

Ann Sawtell detailed that the following committee members were standing for re-election.

Ann Sawtell, *Chair*,

Keith Eagleton, *Secretary*,

Michael Garrett, *Treasurer*,

David Beeston, Cathrin Dunford, Graham Ryan, June Ryan, Derek Sawtell.

Their election, *en bloc*, was proposed by Richard Cropper, seconded by Mary Yeoman and unanimously accepted by the meeting.

Any Other Business:

There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting which was followed by a social time and light refreshments.