

The Horsham Society

Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting

Thursday 26th March 2009

1 Welcome from the President

Dr Annabelle Hughes opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all. She explained that the Society needs more members to join the committee and invited all those interested to go along to a committee meeting to see what goes on.

Special thanks were given to John Steele for his considerable contribution as Chairman during the last three years. This sentiment was echoed by all members present.

2 Apologies for absence

Mr and Mrs Potton, Mrs Marion Charman, Mrs Laura Rhodes, Mrs Dina Rainbird, Sue and Gerry Adams, Mr and Mrs Arnold.

3 Minutes of the 2008 AGM and matters arising

The minutes were proposed, seconded and adopted.
There were no matters arising.

4 Chairman's report

The Chairman's report was published in the March Newsletter.

John Steele confirmed that he was standing down as Chairman having completed the maximum term of three years as set out in the Society's Constitution. He stated that it had been a great privilege to serve and that he had thoroughly enjoyed his term.

He went on to say that he believes that the town faces a real problem given the lack of a vision from the current administration: on the other hand, there are opportunities for a big future as a centre for tourism and the arts.

He thanked all members of the committee for their efforts and support with particular thanks to Sandie Brittain for her contribution as Honorary Secretary, Ann Needham for her work as Webmaster and Kathy Gleeson and her volunteers for the distribution of the Newsletter.

The Chairman's report was proposed, seconded and adopted.

5 Treasurer's report

Roy Bayliss highlighted key points from the 2008 Accounts which continue to show a healthy balance.

The Treasurer's report was proposed, seconded and adopted.

6 Election of Officers

Nigel Friswell agreed to stand as Acting Chairman on the condition that an active search for a successor takes place during the next year.

All other current officers agreed to stand for re-election, namely, Ian Dockreay as Vice Chairman, Roy Bayliss as Hon Treasurer, Pat Gale as Hon Membership Secretary and Rod Cuming as Hon Secretary.

The nominations were proposed, seconded and adopted.

7 Election of Committee Members

All current committee members agreed to stand for re-election, namely, Peggy Gledhill, Carol Stokes, Sandie Brittain, Paul Fletcher, Michael Hall, Brian Slyfield and John Steele.

The nominations were proposed, seconded and adopted.

8 Appointment of Honorary Independent Examiner

Stuart Richie agreed to continue in this role.

The appointment was proposed, seconded and adopted.

9 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

