

**The Horsham Society**  
**Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday 18 April 2016**

**1 Welcome from the President.**

Dr Annabelle Hughes welcomed members to the meeting.

**2 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Rod Cuming, Roy Bayliss, Pat Gale, Sheila Stevens, Stephen Watts and Michael Hall.

**3 Minutes of the 2015 AGM and matters arising.**

The minutes were proposed by Nigel Friswell, seconded by Debbie Malins, and adopted. There were no matters arising.

**4 Secretary's report.**

The President highlighted the following points from the Secretary's Report which had been published in full in the April Newsletter.

a) Last year's Diamond Jubilee was marked by two special events: a Valuation Evening with Rupert Toovey and a Distributors' event at the Capitol; plus a special Jubilee Newsletter in colour, after which the change was made permanent.

b) The Society's long fight against HDC's Planning Framework came to an end, though not a joyful one. But the good news was the opening of the new Waitrose and John Lewis stores which, as one approached, looked much like an ocean liner.

c) The Novartis site had been earmarked by WSCC as a potential health and life sciences hub which was good news.

d) The Society had stepped up its efforts to stimulate civic pride with the introduction of free Welcome Walks, and the next step would be to replace the old Children's Town Guide with a modern look and learn programme.

The President thanked the Committee for its efforts in the previous year, John Steele for his work as Editor of the Newsletter, and David Moore for his support on a wide variety of matters. She also thanked Kathy Gleeson for her organisation of Newsletter distribution, the team of distributors for delivering the Newsletter, Ann Needham for running the website and Stuart Ritchie and Gulia Crighton for their work on the annual accounts.

**5 Honorary Treasurer's Report and Accounts.**

The Honorary Treasurer noted that the full accounts had been published in the April Newsletter

and confirmed that the finances remained stable.

The Annual Report and Accounts were proposed by Gary Cooper, seconded by David Hilder, and adopted.

**6 Election of Officers.**

The following nominations had been received and the forms were on display:

Chairman	Nigel Friswell
Vice Chairman:	Michael Hall
Hon Treasurer:	John Steele
Membership Secretary:	Pat Gale.

The nominations were proposed by Gary Cooper, seconded by Jean McMahon and adopted.

The President explained that there was no nomination for Hon Secretary, Rod Cuming having decided to step down after 7 years, and invited anyone interested in the role, or possibly in the role of Minute Secretary, to contact the Chairman after the meeting.

**7 Election of Committee Members.**

Nominations had been received, and forms were on display, for Ron Bates, Roy Bayliss, Rod Cuming, Oliver Farley, Paul Fletcher, David Griffiths Chris Spiers and Malcolm Willis.

The nominations were proposed by Joe Bysh, seconded by Jane Apostolou, and adopted.

**8 Appointment of Honorary Independent Examiner.**

Stuart Ritchie had kindly agreed to continue in this role. The appointment was proposed by Nigel Friswell, seconded by Debbie Malins, and adopted.

**9 Any other business.**

None had been notified before the meeting.

**10 Guest speaker**

David Griffiths introduced Mike Scholes, a friend of his from his ballooning days and an intrepid adventurer. Mike described losing his vision and his subsequent high altitude ballooning experiences and his trek to the North Pole. His talk was followed by a lively question and answer session.

**11 Close**

Nigel Friswell thanked Mike Scholes for his talk, Annabelle Hughes for conducting the meeting, and members for attending; and closed the meeting.