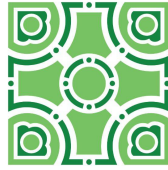


Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
6pm Thursday 15th September 2022
Held at Castle Bromwich Hall Hotel



Castle Bromwich
Historic Gardens

1. Welcome

Trustee Helen Johnson opened and Chaired the meeting.

"I would like to thank the hotel for hosting the AGM this afternoon

Before we formally start the meeting I would like to say that following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the trustees, staff, volunteers and members would like to offer their condolences to the Royal Family, and to express their thanks to the Queen for her long life of duty and service.

Queen Elizabeth understood the importance of gardens and gardening and how these can benefit and enrich the lives of people from all communities and walks of life. She was Patron of the RHS from 1952 and Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens is proud to be part of the RHS family through the Partner Gardens scheme. "

Present

X members and observers (Sue Brain)

Trustees; Cllr Pauline Allen, Cllr M McCarthy, Cllr Diane Donaldson, Cllr Marj Bridle, Ted Richards, Advolly Richmond (via Zoom)

Glynis Powell, General Manager,
Sue Brain, Office and Volunteer Manager,
Sue Bell Minute taker

2. Apologies

X number of member apologies

Ian Wykes (Trustee), Councillor Alan Feeney (Trustee), Sybil and Martin Mizon Hind (noted from the floor).

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting held on 20th October 2021.

Approval of the minutes of the 2021 AGM was Proposed by Dave Bennett, Seconded by Cllr Martin McCarthy and Agreed.

4/ Annual report and accounts

GP (General Manager) presented the accounts and annual report, explaining that as the writer of the report, with full approval of the Trustees, she would speak to it on behalf of the Trustees..

Questions from the floor covered the following topics: membership numbers, progress on appointing a Transformational Chair,

Approval to adopt the Trustees Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021, was Proposed by Ted Richards and Seconded by Jane Stanley.

5. To receive nominations and to elect by ballot a Trustee to serve for three years from among the Members.

GP confirmed that no applications had been received.

6.To approve the Trustee proposal that the Membership fees for the Year 2022 should remain :-

Individual: £25

Joint: £45

Family Activities Pass £50

Individual Life £200

Joint Life £300

Fees approved, Proposed by Diane Donaldson and seconded by Dave Bennett.

7.To give the Trustees power to review current arrangements for independent examination and seed the best value appointment for 2022.

Proposed by Dave Stanley and Seconded by Marion Morris.

Ted Richards expressed on behalf of all the members their appreciation to GP, staff and particularly the Volunteers.

The formal part of AGM meeting closed at this point. 7.15

Helen Johns concluded

“On behalf of the Trustees and wider membership I would like to thank Glynis, the staff and the volunteers for all their hard work in what has been a challenging year, and which will no doubt continue to have challenges in the year to come.

Thank you all for coming this evening - please have a safe journey home”.

Questions and discussion were invited from the floor with GP and others responding

The following topics were covered: number of Trustee vacancies there were, contactless payments/cash payments, numbers of volunteers, re-introduction of guided Tours, safety of the Restored Books, and rebuilding of the collapsed wall.

A presentation was given by Soobie Whitfield, Community Co-ordinator for Home is Here Now project. (Funded by AIM and NLHF)

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Minutes taken by Susan Bell

approved at Trustee meeting 10/11/2022