

MINUTES OF THE BPGC GARDENING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9TH AUGUST 2016

PRESENT Janet T, Janet B, Cathy, Lorna, Jasmine, Cheryl, Pam, Roger, Barbara, Brian

APOLOGIES Jill

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING ON 27TH Feb were read and accepted.

MATTERS ARISING

a) Coach trip to Trentham Gardens on 22nd August. Brian reported that the coach he had previously booked with Astons did not have toilet facilities so it had been necessary to hire another coach with these facilities which would now be a 57 seater. The cost would now be £430 but as we have 48 people signed up we will be able to cover the cost from club funds.

b) Proposed Coach trip to Rosemoor in 2017 Brian had received notification of a special flower festival which would take place at Rosemoor in August 2017 and wondered if the members would like to visit this venue again. The Committee felt as many members would already have been it was uncertain whether to book for this event at this stage. It was decided to ask members at the October meeting if there would be enough interest to pursue this idea. Other suggestions were to visit the Dorothy Clive garden in Staffordshire, Barnsdale in Rutland, or the National Wild Flower Centre near Liverpool, with a possible visit to Speke Hall as well.

Gardener's Market May 2016 Although it was a successful event the profit of £186 was disappointing, being considerably less than 2015. However the good news was that 6 new members were recruited. It was decided to plan another for next year, in May as before.

Christmas Event. This event has been booked at Powick Village from 12 until 2 pm. This will be a bring and share lunch (Drinks provided by the Club). Cheryl had book the Gilded Lilies – a group of ladies who sing and do readings etc. Several members had already heard this group and thought them very suitable.

TREASURER'S REPORT Cathy reported a balance of £2,897. 49 in the bank, but approximately £800 would shortly be being spent on the outing.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT AND PROPOSED CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION

Jasmine was very pleased to report our membership now stands at 100. Brian has suggested if a prospective member wishes to join in July, August, or September then they

would get 15 months for the price of 12. As this will be a change to the Constitution this proposition will be brought up at the AGM.

Jasmine also reported that several members (those not on e mail) had requested that the Programme for the following year be available when their subscription is paid in October (this has in the past been given out at the Christmas Lunch) Brian explained that this document could not be printed until after the AGM as the details of the Officers are not known until after the AGM in November, however Brian has agreed to try and get an additional temporary programme printed on an A4 sheet in readiness for the October meeting. Barbara also mentioned that although it is printed in the Programme for members let her know if they intend coming on a garden visit – it was rare for anyone to actually do so. It was therefore decided not to have this request printed on future programmes.

PROGRAMME SECRETARY'S REPORT Programme for 2017 is attached.

A O B Setting up for the indoor meeting at Powick Village Hall. As Roger is now having problems he is not able to help put out and put away the chairs for the meetings. It was felt more help was needed in this direction and a request will be made at the next indoor meeting , also the door would now be open to members from 2pm as we have a larger membership and it takes more time for the “admin” when they arrive. Hall will be open from 1 30 for set up.

Talk by Val Bourne in October. Posters advertising this event will be distributed – St Peters Garden Centre, Grange Farm Nursery etc. Members would also ask these two establishments if they would be willing to give a raffle prize. Also Roger said he would approach Laylocks and The Hop Pocket for raffle prizes. This event will be ticketed,(£5) so will be available beforehand or on the door. Brian offered to print the tickets and notify other Clubs of our event, also Cheryl would notify Hallow GC. Details will also be in the September Newsletter.

Programme for 2017. It was decided to plan the September meeting indoors at Powick Village Hall (it is usually the last of the garden visits)

Proposed Flower Arranging Practical Day. A very successful floral demonstration earlier in the year by Mary Skeys, was so very popular and Mary has agreed to run a “Practical Floral Demo “for our members to take part in. It was suggested to hold this at Hanley Swan Village Hall, probably early in December, on a Wednesday or a Thursday. Brian said he would follow this up.

Cathy reminded the Committee of her “Coffee and Open Garden” on Wednesday 31st August.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 7. 30 on 1st November 2016 at Winnington Gardens.