

MINUTES OF THE BPGC AGM 17th NOVEMBER 2012

APOLOGIES Mrs Brenda Maclaughlan and Lorna Winstone.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BPGC

Brian Skeys then spoke regarding the new Constitution which had been circulated to all members. This was a model Constitution used by the R H S for new Garden Clubs. Brian pointed out slight alterations had been made to the committee elections, membership year and to reflect our aims and objectives. This was under the heading "Objectives" and read as follows: Holding regular meetings for lectures, discussions and demonstrations to encourage members of all ages. Arranging visits to gardens and to encourage gardening which restores biodiversity and the production of healthy fruits and vegetables. Also the provision to hold Horticultural Shows and competitions should the situation arise.

These had been approved by the caretaker committee.

Adoption of the Constitution was proposed by Barbara Parker and seconded by Jasmine Gregor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Douglas Gregor proposed Mr Brian Skeys as Chairman. As he was willing to stand and there were no other nominations Maureen Romney seconded the motion.

Marina proposed that Pam Williams carry on as Secretary and as she agreed to stand Roger Parker seconded the motion.

Janet proposed that Cathy Snelgar carry on as Treasurer, and as she agreed to stand Geraldine Williams seconded the motion.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Carole Webb was standing down from the new committee Brian thanked her for all her hard work dealing with publicity.

Brian Skeys then introduced all the members wishing to stand on the Committee who were as follows: Marina – newsletter Roger plant sales Janet catering Ken and Audrey programme planners Jasmine membership and Irene - everything else not covered ! Brian then introduced one new member June Gittins, and also (in her absence) Lorna Winstone.

Carole Webb then proposed the election of the Committee en bloc and this was seconded by Douglas Gregor

We have the facility to co-opt two members on to the Committee. Barbara Parker has volunteered and will be co-opted on by the committee.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT This is attached.

It was pointed out by Brian that a £20 loan had been deposited to open the account and other members of the committee had pledged loans if needed. Douglas had set up the new Website for the BPGC and had funded it as his own expense. It is intended to repay these loans in this financial year.

He urged members to look at the site – which had many interesting facts and photographs of previous garden visits and talks (then the CGS) and links to other information.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

One member asked about plant sales – there is a procedure to follow when bringing items to sell and a percentage is deducted for Club funds. Otherwise the plants can be donated.

The Christmas lunch will be on 1st December at the Boughton Park Golf and Country Club. Members are invited to bring partners and friends too.

The newsletter can be read on the website and is sent by email, this would save postage. Brian asked if anyone with an email address had not received the latest newsletter to please check their email details with Jasmine (Membership Secretary).

The programme for 2013 was then displayed. The paper copies will be available at the Christmas lunch – and at the January meeting which is on January 19th and will be held at Callow End Village Hall.