



BARHAM & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE 45TH AGM HELD ON 10TH JANUARY 2014 AT THE KINGSTON BARN

**Present: Brig. M Atherton, President, Mrs. P Austin, Treasurer, Mrs. G McGuire, Secretary,
B Wright, Show Secretary,
Committee Members: Mrs. J Borgioli, A Clough, V Cracknell, J Crothall, T Cummings
Mrs. Dallison, Mrs. T Fleming and 56 members**

- 1. Apologies: Dr. Tim Bines, Mrs. Jean Clough, Mr. E. Clough, Canon Alan Duke and
Mrs. Mary Duke, Mrs. J Stribbling, Mrs. S Taylor**

- 2. President's Address**

The President, Brig. Atherton opened the meeting and welcomed members to the AGM 2013. Two members of the Society, Sheila Stephenson and Vice President Bill Oakey died during the year and he asked members to stand and remember them in silence.

He then expressed his thanks to the committee and the chairman, who is unwell, for their hard work and said that it had been a successful year for the Society, mentioned in particular the seed orders as well as the successful Neame Cup Competition. He explained that younger members would be needed on the Committee and asked for interested members to come forward. He mentioned the forthcoming Spring Show and said that the Committee hoped for more entries to the show this year. He announced that Vice President Evart Clough and Barham committee member Mary Duke are both recovering from surgery and sent his best wishes to both of them.

Proposed and approved nem.com: Mrs. Wendi Atherton and Mrs. Maureen Taylor

- 3. Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. Pat Austin explained that the financial situation was healthy, outings made a profit, and the Plant Sale raised a healthy sum of money. Members were invited to ask questions. There were none and the accounts were proposed and approved nem.com. by Vic Cracknell and Mrs. Tishy Fleming and signed by the President.

5. Election of Committee

All committee members agreed to carry on for 2014, including Mrs. Pat Austin who wishes to retire when a successor for her is found. The committee was elected en bloc and proposed and approved nem.com by Malcolm Terry and Mrs. Caroline Loder-Symonds.

6. Secretary's Report on Programme for 2014

Mrs. Gaby McGuire gave details and dates for 2014 and pointed out that, as usual, the forthcoming Spring Newsletter will inform about the programme in detail and will include booking forms for the outings. She explained that the 'Surprise Dahlia' Competition will be repeated this year and Seedlings can be collected at the evening of 24th April – PPP on Wildlife in your Garden –

She also explained that the date for the afternoon outing to Samphire Hoe will be announced later in order to make sure that the Orchids will be in flower. Tim Bines will lead this outing. At the PPP about 'Tulipmania' members can pick up tulip bulbs to be planted in a pot and to be shown at the Spring Show 2015.

The Secretary then thanked all those who gave their time and helped during the year at various events, such as serving tea, making cakes, doing the raffle and many other tasks.

The President gave his thanks and pointed out that a lot of work goes into the preparation of the programme each year.

Proposed and approved nem.com: Mrs. Jenny Bull and Mrs. Caroline Loder-Symonds.

The AGM closed at 7.00 pm and members had the opportunity to pay their subs and collect their membership cards. They were offered a glass of wine and delicious refreshments prepared by committee members and spouses; the following performance by The Berkeleys was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.

There were no suggestions for future events.

The evening finished at 9.30