

CLAYTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting Tuesday 9th October 2018

The Chairman Mrs Jennifer Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting

There were 14 people in attendance

- 1 **Apologies:** Claire and Bethany Delahay, Freda Topham
- 2 **Officers:** The Chairman had received the resignation of the Secretary Mrs Mary Brown who has served the Society for 45 years. The resignation was accepted with grateful thanks for all the hard work that she had carried out to make sure the Shows and meetings had run smoothly and with great efficiency. Miss Sheila Patchett was proposed as Secretary by the Chairman and seconded by Mrs Brown and agreed by those present.
The Chairman and Treasurer agreed to continue for a further year, proposed by Lee Greenwood, seconded by Christine Tidswell and agreed by all present.
- 3 **Minutes of Meeting 2017** The minutes were read, proposed by John Andrew, seconded by Alison Stork and approved.
- 4 **Matters Arising** The Rosettes had not been purchased in time for the Show, but John Andrew would obtain them for 2019. Forty new vases had been purchased at a cost of £202.00
- 5 **Correspondence** None
- 6 **Treasurers Report:** The accounts were accepted with two amendments to the dates for the "brought forward" and "Carried Forward" years. Mr Andrew was thanked for auditing the accounts
- 7 **Annual Show** The statistics from the 2018 Show recorded more people entering although the vegetable and flower entries were slightly down, possibly due to the weather. It was pleasing to see that the Children's entries had almost doubled, however it was noted that in 2019 many of them will not be under the age of 12 and ineligible to enter.

The date for the 2019 Show was agreed – Saturday 31st August. There would be no change in either the entry fee or tea prices both £1.00. The Regulations would remain the same. Discussion took place on the classes and following Judges comments, it was decided that:-

Class 45 - Pizza Margherita would be replaced with "Savoury Dip and Crudities" – notes to be added

Class 49 – Cottage Loaf would be replaced with "Plaited loaf"

Class 68 – Title Davy Jones Locker

Class 69 – Title Willow Pattern

Class 70 – Title Wheelbarrow

Class 71 – Title Black and White

An additional class would be added to the Miscellaneous Section - A small plate of home grown fruit. Notes would be added and an 8" plate provided by the society

It was noted that the flower judge had been ill, however, she would be asked if she would be prepared to judge in 2019 and if not, asked to recommend another person with suitable qualifications.

- 8 **Speakers** It was decided that David Elcock would be invited a little later in the year and plant swap to be included. Suggestions were also made for other speakers and the Secretary would follow up these proposals
- 9 **Any Other Business** Mary Brown was presented with gifts to recognise her long service and she thanked The Society

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.