

CLAYTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 7p.m.

The Chairman Mrs Jennifer Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting

In attendance: Jennifer Andrew, Frances & John Atkinson, Elizabeth Brooke, Eileen Edgley, Lee, Rachel & Zoe Greenwood, Allan Mattocks, Sheila Patchett, Helen Simpson, Alison Stork, Clare & Neil Walters

- 1 **Apologies:** John Andrew (JnA), Mary Brown, Brian & Thelma Horsfall
- 2 **Minutes of AGM held on 8th October 2019** were read and approved. Proposed by E Brooke, seconded by E Edgley. The notes of the meeting held by the Officers in lieu of 2020 AGM were read
- 3 **Matters Arising**
A Trophy for the Runner Up in the Children Section had not been purchased **HS**
Membership Cards had not been issued in 2021 but future ones would state the bank details **Jn A**
- 4 **Officers:** The Chairman, Mrs Jennifer Andrew, Secretary Miss Sheila Patchett and Treasurer Mrs Helen Simpson agreed to stand for a further year were proposed by F Atkinson, seconded by J Atkinson. It was pointed out that younger people would be required to take office in future years, otherwise the organisation could fail.
- 5 **Correspondence** none
- 6 **Treasurers Report:** The accounts were presented. The Show had gone ahead in a modified form incurring expenses, but with no income from entry fees or auction. The accounts were proposed by L Greenwood and seconded by Z Greenwood. John Andrew was thanked for auditing the accounts
 - a. Discussion took place on whether Santander was now charging for group accounts. The Treasurer would check and if necessary find a fee free option.
 - b. It was agreed that the Show day door entry fee and the refreshment prices would remain at £1.00.
 - c. The class entry fees would rise to 25p, but there would be no increase in the prize money.
 - d. Currently there were 3 signatories for the bank account, two being required for each cheque. The Treasurer had no means of paying for services other than cheque. It was agreed that she would register for online banking, with one other person overseeing the account. Votes for 10, against 2, abstentions 2.
 - e. Members would be able to pay their subscriptions and entry fees online if they wished and the details would be on the membership card.
- 7 **Annual Show**
 - 33 People made 206 entries (45/326 in 2019)
 - 47 People entered 47 exhibits in the Vegetable Section (9/77 exhibits in 2019)
 - 60 People entered 60 exhibits in the Flowers Section (15/69 exhibits in 2019)
 - 42 People entered 42 exhibits in the Housecraft Section (28/94 exhibits in 2019)
 - 41 People entered 41 exhibits in the Miscellaneous Section (24/67 exhibits in 2019)
 - 16 Children entered 16 exhibits in the Children's Section (5/19 exhibits in 2019)

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- a) The date for the 2022 Show Saturday 10th September 2022 subject to the Hall and Judges availability.
 - b) The Regulations changed for the 2021 show would be removed. As follows:
 - 3 Entries by Thursday,
 - 6 deleted,
 - 13 items will be auctioned
 - 16 cash prizes in 2022
 - c) Schedule for Classes in all sections to remain the same, with alterations to the titled flower arrangements and photographs
 - d) Class 69 – Large Flower Arrangement Title 2022 “Save the Planet”
 - e) Class 70 – Petite Flower Arrangement Title 2022 “Platinum Posy”
 - f) Class 71 – Title Photograph Title 2022 “A Favourite Toy”
 - g) Class 72 – Title Photograph Title 2022 “Shadows”
 - h) Class 78 – Handwriting verse –

Be glad your nose is on your face,
not pasted on some other place,
for if it were where it is not,
you might dislike your nose a lot.
 - i) Flower Judge Norma Dobney had declined to judge in the future and could not recommend a successor. Further work would be carried out to find her successor
- 8 **Speakers** It was decided that David Elcock would be invited in May 2022 and plant swap to be included as this talk was well received. In April David Quail would be asked to speak on Cacti and Succulents as there was a great deal of interest in the subject
- 9 **Any Other Business**
- a. Discussion took place on the use of floral foam for flower arrangements and in vases. Because of the environmental impact, it was decided that it should be phased out and an alternative such as Agra-Wool Bricks used instead
 - b. Rachel Greenwood asked the Society to support a Clayton Open Gardens weekend. She was prepared to carry out the work. A minimum of 5 gardens would be needed. Printing of the maps which act as entry tickets would be the main expense. The meeting agreed to endorse the idea and thanked her for the suggestion.
 - c. Thanks were expressed by HS for the work of the officers and webmaster.

The Chairman thanked all those attending. The meeting closed at 20:26.

Following the meeting it was confirmed that the Hall and Judges were available for the 2022 show to be held on Saturday 10th September.
A Talk on Cacti and Succulents by David Quail booked for 28th April 2022 Plant sale
A Plant Swap and Question and Answer session with David Elcock would be held on Tuesday 17th May 2022