

CLAYTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting Wednesday 19th October 2022 at 7p.m.

The Chairman Mrs Jennifer Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting

In attendance: Jennifer Andrew, Elizabeth Brooke, Patricia Crabtree, Andrew Cunningham, Lee & Rachel Greenwood, Alan Mattocks, Sheila Patchett, Helen Simpson, Clare & Neil Walters

- 1 **Apologies:** John Andrew (JnA), Frances & John Atkinson, Susan Forrest
- 2 **Minutes of AGM held on 5th October 202**
Were read and approved nem.com.
- 3 **Matters Arising**
A Trophy for the Runner Up in the Children Section had not been purchased, but R Greenwood would research and advise. **RG**
Membership Cards had been issued and the bank details were referenced via the website.
E Brooke offered to deliver the cards and an apology was given for not using her services this year
The Open Gardens organised by R Greenwood was a great success. It was agreed that the JnA would advertise the event to members and on the website once the date was known. **JnA/RG**
- 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 nem. con.
- 5 **Correspondence** none
- 6 **Treasurers Report:** The accounts were presented and approved nem.con. The Show had gone ahead in its usual format. The accounts were proposed nem.con. John Andrew was thanked for auditing the accounts
 - a. Discussion took place on how many members there were currently and the Treasurer stated that some people on the lists had not paid and after a time were delisted. 46 People had paid.
 - b. Santander made no charges for group accounts. Although it was pointed out that the interest rates were higher in other banks, these did not necessarily give free banking
 - c. It was agreed that the Show day door entry fee and the refreshment prices would remain at £1.00.
 - d. The class entry fees remain at 25p and there would be no increase in the prize money.
 - e. The Santander Bank account was now available online and the Treasurer could pay invoices by this method without further signatures. The Secretary had access to the account if required.
 - f. Members would be able to pay their subscriptions and entry fees online if they wished and the details are on the website.
- 7 **Annual Show**
 - 31 People made 233 entries (31/206 in 2021)
 - 11 People entered 57 exhibits in the Vegetable Section (9/47 exhibits in 2021)
 - 12 People entered 50 exhibits in the Flowers Section (15/60 exhibits in 2021)
 - 17 People entered 55 exhibits in the Housecraft Section (28/42 exhibits in 2021)
 - 21 People entered 55 exhibits in the Miscellaneous Section (24/41 exhibits in 2021)
 - 4 Children entered 17 exhibits in the Children's Section (5/16 exhibits in 2021)

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- a) The date for the 2023 Show Saturday 2nd September 2023 the Hall and Judges had been booked.
- b) The Regulations would be unchanged. R Greenwood offered to received hand written entries and associated money by Thursday 31st August. There were two trophies named John Milne, Class 19 was a Tray and Class 69 a Salver which needed amending **JnA**
- 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 2023 “A Headpiece” this can be brought ready done and is to celebrate the Coronation
- e) Class 70 – Petite Flower Arrangement Title 2023 “A Nice Cup of Tea” a design incorporating a cup and saucer
- f) Class 71 – Title Photograph Title 2023 “My Favourite Animal”
- g) Class 72 – Title Photograph Title 2023 “100” To celebrate the Societies 100th anniversary
- h) Class 78 – Handwriting verse –
*There was a little turtle
He lived in a box
He swam in a puddle
He climbed on the rocks*
- i) Class 74 would be retitled a DECORATED Rock
- j) The Handicraft Judge had suggested the following amendments
Class 56 renamed Any handknitted or crotched ITEM
Class 57 Embroidery, tapestry or other decorated needlework
Class 58 Any other handcrafted item outside 56 and 57
Class 77 Any item of jewellery (not just edible)
Classes 56,57,58 – The Society reserves the right to reclassify any exhibit. This might cause issues for the computerised system and the webmaster would need to be consulted **JnA**

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. S Patchett agreed to include a 10 minute demonstration on how to create a gents buttonhole to encourage others to enter. In April Andrew Cunningham had offered to talk on Dahlias. Dates to be arranged

9 **Any Other Business**

- a. It was decided that the use of floral foam for flower arrangements and in vases could continue.
- b. Mary Brown had offered to steward and a role would be found for her in 2023 at the Show
- c. It was suggested that because of MB’s long service as Secretary that a Trophy should be purchased in her name. it was thought wise to check with her if she agreed **HS**

The Chairman thanked all those attending. The meeting closed at 20:12.