

Granby and Sutton Garden and Allotment Club

Notes of Annual Meeting 5 October 2021

1. Opening Remarks.

Stan welcomed everyone to the 13th Annual Meeting of the Club. It was agreed that despite the continued disruption caused by the COVID 19 pandemic it was good that we had been able to keep the club functioning in 2020/21 including a full programme of Summer Garden Visits and holding the Home Produce Show. Membership had remained steady and the club has a sound financial position. He thanked everyone who had contributed to the operation of the club particularly:

Derek who organised the Winter Lecture Programme

Shirley for looking after the money

John Rainbow for producing the publicity flyers for the Home Produce Show.

2. Income and Expenditure for past year

Shirley presented an income and expenditure statement for the year to 30 September 2021. This showed that the funds in hand at the year-end were £265.99. The credit balance was higher than the previous years aided by increased subscriptions and lower costs due to our winter meetings being held on Zoom.

3. Income and Expenditure for past year

The coming winter programme will inevitably incur higher costs than previously as we plan to hold future meetings in the Village Hall. However, it is planned to hold a meeting on Zoom in January, when travelling is difficult for speakers. It was agreed that the annual subscription should be increased to £15 in order to maintain the programme and cover our costs.

Shirley asked members to place their Subscriptions (in cash) in an envelope with their name on it and drop it in Stan and Shirley's letter box when passing. The letter box is in the side of the garage on the right of the driveway. Stan will then send out an Email confirmation that the Subscription had been received.

Action

Members to deliver membership renewal subscriptions of £15 to Shirley and Stan's Letterbox.

3. Home Produce Show

It was agreed that it was good that we were able to hold the Home Produce show this year and that it had worked well with the alternative arrangements. The 2022 Show would be held Sunday 4th September and would hopefully revert to the traditional arrangements with Afternoon Tea being served.

The following revised classes were agreed.

Class 22 will be A Chocolate Cake. Erika offered to provide a recipe.

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Class 23 will be Cheese Scones

Class 24 will be A Lemon Meringue Pie

Class 25 will be 4 Sultana and Cranberry Biscuits

Class 28 the Photograph will be "Spring in the Vale" with each entry being titled with the location.

Sian will propose classes for Children's entries.

It was suggested that in an effort to encourage more entries to the show residents should be asked for ideas for classes that they would support.

Stan would include a request for ideas in the upcoming Newsletter.

If new classes were introduced the Lemon Curd and Fruit Cordial could be omitted to make space.

The judges had said that having entrants' numbers on the underside of the entry made it difficult to record winners. After discussion it was agreed that entrants' numbers would be placed on show on the exhibit in future.

It was also agreed that entry forms would be made available before the day of show so that they could be completed in advance of the delivery of entries to save time on the day of the show.

Erika to provide a recipe for the Chocolate Cake to Stan.

Stan to include a request for class ideas in the Newsletter.

Sian to let Stan have proposed classes for Children.

4. Programme for Winter 2021-22

Chris Brandon-White has kindly agreed to take over the role of organising the winter programme.

Chris has booked 4 speakers in person and one on Zoom for January.

A speaker for April has yet to be confirmed. Chris hoped for a speaker from St Ann's Allotments but the costs were rather high.

Chris would look for an alternative and the Winter Programme will be issued with a TBA for April.

Action

Stan to issue the Winter Programme ASAP

Later: Arrangements for the December Meeting were not discussed but John had agreed to put together his traditional Quiz.

Stan would ask Carole Naylor if she would organise the catering as she had so successfully done in the past.

Action

Stan to sort out catering for the December Meeting.

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5. Visits Programme 2021

Stan said that he generally started to plan Garden visits in the New Year. He had a couple of visits previously arranged for 2021 that had not gone ahead and that he would try to rearrange.

The local Gardens Clubs Group lecture at The Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent for March 2021 which has been arranged with Nick Bailey of Gardeners World was discussed. The capacity for the hall is reduced at present to 150 and it had been decided not to hold a raffle and offer drinks so as to maintain social distancing. Tickets would cost around £10

There was concern that the event might not cover its costs and our club would be liable to share the cost of any shortfall. Brenda wanted to check if we still want to be a member of the Group of Organising Clubs, as we may have to contribute if the event makes a loss.

After discussion it was decided that we would continue to be a member of the organising group.

Action

Brenda to advise the Local Clubs Group that we will continue to participate.
Stan to issue the Summer Visits Programme in due course.
Stan is hoping to arrange a walking/garden visit next summer along previous lines.

6. Open Gardens 2022

The possibility of a holding a Parish Open Gardens event in 2022 was complicated by the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations that are taking place on 2nd to 5th June 2022. This is the weekend prior to when we would normally hold our open gardens event.

The possibility of opening gardens for the village during the celebrations was discussed, as was holding an open gardens day on Sunday 12th June.

There were various views expressed about whether potential garden openers would want to open their gardens as part of the celebrations with no potential fund raising.

It was also felt that people might not want to open gardens following a busy previous weekend of celebrations.

Erika had offered to organise an open gardens event and she suggested that she would contact all potential garden openers to get their views on the options.

Action

Erika to contact possible garden openers to get their views on options for Open Gardens this year.

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7. Village Plant Swap

The plant swap in the Bus Shelter that had been established during the lockdown had not been used so much this year.

It was decided that it would not be re-established in 2022.

8. A.O.B

Membership Subscriptions

Shirley said that annual subscriptions are now due and she would be pleased to receive members' renewals. Subs will be £15 per person.

Stan Taylor

10/10/2020