

BRIDPORT and DISTRICT ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY

Centre for Local Food, Unit 17, St. Michael's Trading Estate, Foundry Lane,
BRIDPORT, Dorset, DT6 3RR

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 8th. SEPTEMBER 2005
7.30p.m. Centre for Local Food

MINUTES

1. PRESENT: Ted Mallows, Penny Bigg, Roma Northover, Ken Northover, Dorothy Maxwell, Gavin Maxwell, Colin Sparkes, Mark Budden, Sue Jones, Bob Driscoll (Chair), Ted Davis, Ron Grimwood, Helen O'Hara, Michael Michaud (Sec.), Val O'Malley, Anna Sullock

2. APOLOGIES: Charles Wild, Suzanne Finch, Dianne Rawden, Andrew Bradley, Eve Hobson, Cleo Evans; also from Burton Bradstock Allotments Society

3. ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES of PREVIOUS AGM
Minutes of 2004 AGM accepted as presented

4. CHAIRMAN's REPORT
Attached

5. TREASURER's REPORT
Attached

6. NOMINATIONS and ELECTION of THE SOCIETY's OFFICERS/ COMMITTEE
Nominations for the committee were then called for. Michael Michaud (Secretary) and Colin Sparkes (Treasurer/ Membership) made it clear that they wanted to step down from their respective posts, while Bob Driscoll (Chair) begged for "new blood" on the committee. The response was as follows:-

Nominations for the General Committee:

Cleo Evans nominated by Anna Sullock and seconded by Bob Driscoll; approved by the meeting.

Anna Sullock nominated by Colin Sparkes and seconded by Dorothy Maxwell; approved by the meeting. No other nominations were made.

Nominations for Newsletter Editor:

Suzanne Finch nominated by Dorothy Maxwell and seconded by Gavin Maxwell; approved by the meeting.

Nominations for Chairman:

Colin Sparkes nominated by Michael Michaud and seconded by Sue Jones; approved by the meeting.

Nomination for Secretary:

Bob Driscoll nominated by Dorothy Maxwell and seconded by Gavin Maxwell; approved by the meeting.

Nominations for Treasurer/ Membership Secretary: no nominations were forthcoming. It was agreed to pass this to the committee to resolve at the earliest opportunity.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bob advised the meeting that the recently formed "Burton Bradstock Allotments Society" (BBAS) has made an approach asking if they could be affiliated with the Bridport and District Allotments Society (BADAS). He read out a letter received from Margaret Tebbs representing BBAS; an invitation had been sent inviting her, or another representative, to this AGM, but unfortunately she was unable to attend. Bob thought that one reason for their request was so that their members might benefit from the discounts negotiated with various "stores"; Colin confirmed that Groves & Son had decided to cap discounts offered to its existing client base.

A comprehensive discussion ensued.

Gavin was in favour of forming an affiliation and of offering a BADAS committee position to BBAS. Mark suggested that the BBAS members could join BADAS as individuals. Bob felt that if they joined via an affiliation, then it would be cheaper to send copies of meeting minutes to a nominated BBAS member, who would then have the responsibility of distributing them to the other BBAS members.

Penny had no problem with forming an affiliation with BBAS. She did, however, propose that no membership discount be offered to affiliation members (i.e. that the fee to them be no less than a pound). This proposal was passed.

Since there was no BBAS representative at the BADAS AGM, Bob outlined two possible roads that could be taken:- (a) postpone any decision until the next BADAS general meeting, to be held about 3 months from the date of the AGM, or (b) have a committee meeting, during which time a decision could be made.

It was then proposed and passed that the committee would negotiate a BBAS/ BADAS affiliation with a representative of BBAS, with the following restrictions:-

- (1) BBAS members would get no discount on the current membership fee (£1.00 per year) **if** they wished to hold a BADAS membership card.
- (2) BBAS would be responsible for the delivery of any BADAS mail to its own members.

The Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.