

Bridport and District Allotments Society Meeting

Annual General Meeting held at Unit 17 on 3rd September 2009

Members Present:

Colin Sparkes (Chair), Bob Driscoll, Mandy Rathbone, Dorothy Maxwell, Gavin Maxwell, Alexandra Gorini, Brian Atkinson, Lynne Atkinson, Roma Northover, Ken Northover, Barry Thomas, Terry Porter, Kaye Porter, Richard Edwards (minutes), Roger Pollock, Ralph Probert, Anna Sullock; also (by invitation) Daryl Chambers, on behalf of Bridport Town Council.

1. Apologies from: Charles Wild, Mark Budden, Louise Matthews, Margaret Tebbs, David Barnikel, Jill Lloyd, Sue Jones, Tim Crabtree, Crispin Boyle, Eve Hobson.

2. Chairman's Report: This was read by Colin and detailed a successful year with increasing membership, a successful Food Festival display, and publicity in Dorset magazine and of course in our own newsletter. Colin noted with regret the passing of Ted Mallows whose contributions at meetings will be missed. Members were encouraged to get involved with the society. Contributions to the newsletter would be welcomed.

3. Treasurers' report: Mandy reported that membership is now at 178. The cost of photocopying this past year was £156 (up from £31 for the previous year) but it is likely to go back down again because Bob has negotiated a better deal at the Food and Land Trust. There was still a small surplus of £34 which means we have funds of £473. There was a vote of thanks to Mandy for her work and for her hospitality for the committee meetings.

4. Election of Officers

Chair: *Colin Sparkes*, nominated by Ralph Probert, seconded by Roger Pollock.

Treasurer and Membership Secretary: *Mandy Rathbone*, nominated by Bob Driscoll, seconded by Dorothy Maxwell.

Secretary: *Bob Driscoll*, nominated by Colin Sparkes seconded by Mandy Rathbone.

Minutes Secretary: *Richard Edwards*, nominated by Bob Driscoll, seconded by Lynne Atkinson

Newsletter: *Charles Wild* nominated by Ralph Probert, seconded by Anna Sullock.

5. Nominations for the Society's Committee

All committee members agreed to continue. They were nominated en masse by Gavin Maxwell and seconded by Brian Atkinson. They are: *Anna Sullock, Ralph Probert, Roger Pollock and Mark Budden*, and from Burton Bradstock, *Margaret Tebbs and David Barnikel*.

6. Annual Subscriptions

After some discussion it was proposed to raise the membership subscription from £1.50 to £2.00 and this was carried unanimously.

7. AOB

None.

(Members' Quarterly Meeting then followed)