

THE WELSH SOCIETY OF HULL & EAST YORKSHIRE
Notes of the Committee Meeting held on 22 April 2016

1 Annual General Meeting 20 May 2016

- 1.1 The Draft Agenda would be circulated to members with other papers in due course.
- 1.2 Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting 8 May 2015. There were no matters which needed discussion by the Committee at this stage. The draft minutes would be circulated to members in due course.
- 1.3 Officers' Reports. Marian requested that Officers' Reports should be distributed with the agenda papers in advance of the meeting for members to read. Then, in the AGM they could be "taken as read" in order to save time. Reports to be submitted to Marian by 5 May 2016.
- 1.4 Treasurer's Report - John had circulated the following documents for consideration:
- The Accounts for 2015/16 - which had not yet been audited as Doreen and Eddie were in Australia
 - A summary of the Actual for 2015/16 compared with the Budget for the year
 - The proposed Budget for 2016/17. John recommend that subscriptions should remain at £15 for 8th year in succession

These were received and approved subject to Marian claiming outstanding expenses.

- 1.5 Election of Committee –
- President (Roger) – (2 years) elected 2015 – 2017
 - Chairman (1 year) - Nev said he did not wish to take this role again in the coming year. Merle indicated that she might be willing to take on the role but, before agreeing to do so, would first need to know the views of the members about the future of the Society and she would also need to know how much organisational help would be available from members. This possible offer from Merle was welcomed.
 - Vice-Chairman (1 year) No volunteers/nominations so far.
 - Treasurer (1 year - John had indicated his willingness to continue in this role.
 - Secretary (1 year) - Marian had indicated that she would be stepping down from this role after the AGM. It was hoped to find one person to take on this role but there had been no offers so far. In view of that, it was hoped the responsibilities of the Secretary could be shared amongst the Society's wider membership. People who help don't need to be on the Committee. For example, Anne had kindly offered to continue to book rooms/equipment for meetings, Eunice and Byron have done the raffle at each meeting and Eddie and Doreen have audited the accounts. Marian to prepare a list of jobs to be circulated with the AGM papers and members would be encouraged to take on some of these and share the load.
 - Up to 5 Committee Members (1 year - Nev, Nesta and Merle (if not Chairman) had kindly indicated a willingness to take on this role.
 - Appointment of Two Auditors (1 year - The Committee appreciated the assistance provided by Eddie and Doreen in auditing the Society's Report and Accounts over many years. It was agreed to ask them to do this again in 2015/16.

2 The Future?

- 2.1 It was agreed that the views of the membership should be sought on how they wished the Society to move forward in future. In particular, volunteers were needed to take on a share of the organisation. Nev to write to the members seeking their assistance with this.

3 Programme

- 3.1 Summer Outings 2015-16 -
- 13 May '16 Guided tour of North Cave Wetlands. 10 am – 12 noon, and
 - 22 June '16 Crown Green Bowls with Afternoon Tea. 2 – 5 pm. Springhead Park
- Marian to write to members with details.

- 3.2 Proposed Concert by Côr y Penrhyn 2017 - Nev to chase response from the choir and firm up. It was essential that the chosen recipient charity should be able to actively promote and sell tickets and help with refreshments afterwards. Working Group to be set up. Alwyn offered his home as a venue for the Working Group meetings.
- 3.3 New suggestions for 2016-17 - Visit to The Deep, Minibus outing, eg Harlow Carr, Owen ??? - BBC Look North's (Welsh) Weather Presenter. These would be included in the AGM agenda papers.

4 Venue

- 4.1 It was agreed to leave this for the new Committee to decide.

5 Any Other Business

- 5.1 Chairman's and President's chains of office - to be discussed at the next meeting when the Treasurer is present.
- 5.2 Historic list of Officers - to be discussed at the next meeting when the Treasurer is present.
- 5.3 Archives - to be discussed at the next meeting when the Treasurer is present.
- 5.4 The Committee noted the sad loss of long-time Welsh Society member, Margaret Williams on 17 March. Nev had written a letter of condolence to the family on behalf of Society members. Her daughter, Rhona, had sent a nice acknowledgement of that. Marian to circulate this to members.

