

WELSH SOCIETY OF HULL & EAST YORKSHIRE
Notes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16 May 2014

- 1 **Present** – 18 members and 18 apologies for absence
- 2 **President's Report** - which had been circulated prior to the meeting, was approved.
- 3 **Chairman's Report** - which had been circulated prior to the meeting, was approved. Roger thanked all the Officers and Committee Members in 2013/14 for their hard work during the year.
- 4 **Minute Secretary's Report** -which had been circulated prior to the meeting, was approved.
- 5 **Treasurer's Report and Accounts**
 - 5.1 The Treasurer's Report and the Final Accounts for 2013/14, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved unanimously.
 - 5.2 The Budget for 2014/15, which had been previously circulated, was approved unanimously.
 - 5.3 It was agreed with enthusiasm that the subscription for 2014/15 be maintained at £15 per member.
- 6 **President** - it was noted that the term of office was 2 years and that Nesta had one more year to serve.
- 7 **Election and Installation of Chairman** – in the absence of any other nominations, Jo was unanimously elected and installed as Chairman.
- 8 **Election of Other Officers**
 - 8.1 Vice-Chairman – as no nominations had been received, the post would remain vacant but it was hoped that it would be filled as soon as possible. Members were urged to consider getting involved by taking on this post. Anyone interested in doing so, please contact a member of the Committee.
 - 8.2 Secretary - no nominations had been received but Anne volunteered to take on the Speaker Secretary element although she did not wish to be on the Committee. Roger said that he and Anne would organise the Christmas Dinner 2014. In view of this and, assuming that other events would be organised by other Committee/Society members, Marian agreed to take the role of Secretary. This was unanimously approved.
 - 8.3 Treasurer - John agreed to continue for another year which was unanimously approved. He also agreed to continue as webmaster.
- 9 **Election of Other Committee Members** – Alwyn, Nev and Roger were elected which left one vacancy. If any other member would like to join the Committee please contact the Chairman.
- 10 **Appointment of Auditors** - Doreen and Eddie were thanked for auditing the accounts and they kindly agreed to continue for 2014/15.

11 Programme of Events 2014/15

11.1 Suggestions were invited for consideration and the following ideas were put forward which will be considered by the Committee when planning next year's programme:

- An informal evening of Welsh music with lots of audience participation.
- Part of an evening to be for Welsh speaking/singing from time to time.
- An evening of Welsh music by former University Lecturer, Graham Saunders
- A few years ago Society member, Dave Thomas, had given a watercolour painting tutorial which had been extremely well-received.
- Former Paramedic/Wrestler/Councillor – John Cox
- Three for the Road
- Evening of Welsh Cheeses
- Visit to the Deep followed by a meal prepared by Catering students
- Antiques evening – Chris Clubley (Estate Agent/Auctioneer)
- An American Antiques Dealer – Merle Skinner's son
- Dylan Thomas Centenary – Listen to Under Milk Wood – A Child's Christmas in Wales
- Hedd Wyn (Ellis Humphrey Evans), Chief Bard and Winner of the "Black Chair"
- Walk round Beverley (tie in with Beverley Festival of Walks in September)
- Boat ride from the south bank of the River Humber + meal

11.2 Diary Dates

- Summer Outing – Thursday 12 June 2014 at Rowley Manor Hotel
- Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 10 December 2014 at Rowley Manor Hotel
- St David's Day Dinner – Friday 27 February 2015 at Rowley Manor Hotel

12 Any Other Business

12.1 Start times for meetings - It was suggested that meetings could start at 7.30 pm, instead of 8 pm and it was agreed to try this for 2014/15.

12.2 Refreshments - It was suggested that tea/coffee could be provided for meetings. It was noted that, in previous years, this had been done but that some members had not paid for their drinks, resulting in a loss to the Society. It was agreed that members should continue to purchase their own drinks from the bar.

12.3 Thanks - The Chairman expressed thanks and appreciation to Eunice and Byron for organising the raffle over several years. He also expressed thanks to Marian for her work in supporting the Society over several years.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm and was followed by an amusing and enjoyable evening of reminiscences.

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