

THE WELSH SOCIETY OF HULL & EAST YORKSHIRE
Notes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 20 May 2016

Present – 15 members

Apologies for Absence – 10 members

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2015

1.1 The minutes had been circulated and were approved as a true record.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

2.1 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 President's Report

3.1 The President's Report had been circulated before the meeting and this was approved.

4 Chairman's Report

4.1 The Chairman's Report had been circulated before the meeting and this was approved. In particular, he noted the sad loss of Welsh Society Members Margaret Williams (17 March), Bill Ramsay (19 April) and Rob McAdam (30 April). Expressions of sympathy had been sent to their families on behalf of Society members.

5 Treasurer's Report and Accounts

5.1 The Treasurer's Report and Final Accounts 2015/16 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved unanimously. The members present complimented the Treasurer on his proficient handling of the Society's financial matters year after year.

5.2 The Budget for 2016/17 had been previously circulated and was approved unanimously.

5.3 It was agreed that the subscription for 2015/16 be maintained at £15 per member.

6 Secretary's Report

6.1 The Secretary's Report had been circulated before the meeting and this was approved. As she would soon be leaving the area Marian urged members to take on the duties of Secretary in some way, possibly sharing them among members who would not necessarily need to be on the Committee. The members present thanked Marian for her work on behalf of the Society again this year.

7 Election and Installation of President (2 years)

7.1 The Chairman noted that the post of President was for 2 years and that Roger Uglow's term of office was for one more year.

8 Election and Installation of Chairman (1 year)

8.1 There were no volunteers to take on this post. After some discussion Roger agreed to take the dual roles of President and Chairman for 2016-17. This was unanimously approved.

9 Election of Other Officers (1 year)

9.1 Vice-Chairman - Merle Skinner said she was willing to take this role. This was welcomed and she was duly elected

9.2 Treasurer - John Butler had agreed to continue as Treasurer for another year This was unanimously approved. John had also agreed to continue being the Society's webmaster.

9.3 Secretary - As Roger was going to be President and Chairman for the coming year, Anne Uglow said she would support him in this but she did not wish to be on the Committee. Merle Skinner offered to organise perhaps a couple of meetings and it was agreed to share other duties amongst members. These offers of help were warmly welcomed.

10 Election of Other Committee Members (1 year)

- 10.1 Nev Jones agreed to serve for the year 2016/17 - This was unanimously approved.
- 10.2 Nesta Merrells agreed to serve for the year 2016/17 - This was unanimously approved.
- 10.3 Penny Cook agreed to serve for the year 2016/17 - This was unanimously approved.
- 10.4 Dave Thomas agreed to serve for the year 2016/17 - This was unanimously approved.
- 10.5 Alwyn Morgan said he was unable to serve for the coming year.
- 10.6 Julie Milne offered to help with various things if possible but did not wish to be on the Committee. This offer was warmly welcomed.
- 10.7 The outgoing Chairman, Nev Jones, thanked all the Officers and Committee Members in 2015/16 for their hard work during the year.

11 Appointment of Auditors

- 11.1 Thanks were expressed to Doreen and Eddie Evans for auditing the accounts again this year. They kindly agreed to continue for 2016/17 and were duly appointed.

12 Programme of Events 2016/17

- 12.1 A guided tour of North Cave Wetlands had taken place on 13 May which members had enjoyed. It was suggested that a similar event could be arranged, possibly at a different location, in the coming year. Roger suggested that there would probably be fewer self-generated evenings than in years gone by and suggested the Society might have more social evenings. Several people thought this was a good idea. Dave said he had enjoyed meetings in the past which were followed by refreshments/chat. Further suggestions were invited for consideration by the Committee when planning next year's programme.
- 12.2 Venue - As the Beverley Arms had closed for refurbishment a new venue was needed for 2016/17. Arlington Hall and Mark Kirby Room in Cottingham had been used for the last three meetings. Jackie Thomas had suggested the main hall at Zion Church, Cottingham. Nesta suggested the Fergusson Fawsitt in Walkington. Merle suggested Manor Farm at Goodmanham, Dave suggested The Back Room at Cottingham. For consideration at the next Committee Meeting.
- 12.3 Diary Dates -
 - Summer Outing – Bowls with Afternoon Tea, Wednesday, 22 June 2016 at Springhead Park & Golf Club, Willerby Road, Hull, HU5 5JE. Members were reminded to let Eddie and Doreen know if they wished to attend.
 - Beverley Male Voice Choir and Abertillery Orpheus Male Voice Choir Concert, Toll Gavel Church, Beverley, Friday, 24 June 2016 at 7.30 pm. Tickets £7, from Tourist Information Offices.

13 Any Other Business

- 13.1 Côr Y Penrhyn Choir Concert 2017 - Nev had been in touch with the choir recently. Possible dates of 3 or 4 March 2017 had been suggested but the Choir's Musical Director might not be available at that time. It was noted that those dates were very close to the dates of the Society's usual St David's Day Festivities so may not be suitable for that reason. Also, it was agreed that a date later in the year (late April/early May?) would be better due to colder weather in early March. John, Nev and Alwyn had agreed to form the nucleus of the working party for this event and would call on other members nearer the time to sell tickets, make/serve refreshments, etc. Nev to fix date for Concert with the choir and book venue as soon as possible.
- 13.2 Gymanfa Ganu - Penny Cook had attended this year's event and reported that the next one would be held in Beverley in 2017.
- 13.3 Box of old Society minute books - Nesta had brought a box of old minute books which she thought might form the basis of a future meeting when members might enjoy looking through them. The books were taken to Roger/Anne's house for the time being.

13.4 Chains of Office - Nesta proposed that the President's and Chairman's chains of office should be regularly updated as a historical record of the Society. They were used about three times a year and recently have been held in Officers' homes and it was assumed they were insured under their personal contents insurance. It was too expensive to keep them in a bank vault. Nesta felt that they should be insured by the Society but Jackie said this had been done in the past but had been stopped due to high cost. Julie agreed to get the chains updated annually. It was suggested that photographic record of the chains be kept. It was agreed that these items were part of the history of the Society. If any member of the Society was interested in history and was prepared to look after these things this would be welcomed. It was suggested that a location be found for storage of historical records perhaps in the University Library or the Treasure House in Beverley. Committee to pursue this.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their offers of help in the coming year which was very encouraging. The meeting closed at 9.30 pm and was followed by reminiscences on the theme of Travelling in Wales.

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