



The National Allotment Society

South West Branch

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 19:00 using the zoom video conferencing facility.

Attendees: Tim Callard (Newton Abbot, Chair), Christine Ballard, Justine Bell, Dr Deborah Burn (NAS, Speaker), Allan Cavill (SW Mentor), Lynda Clarke (Bournemouth East, Secretary), Peter Clarke (Bournemouth East), Robert Crumb, Cynthia Henson, Mark Joynes (Tiverton, Treasurer), Deirdre Griffiths, Marcus Knight, Carl Partridge, Rowan Pym, Tara Williams and Hilary Sullivan (Bournemouth East).

1. Welcome to AGM

Tim Callard welcomed all to the meeting commenting that he would make some closing remarks.

2. Apologies – Lynda Clarke reported apologies received from Neil Birrell (Northmoor, Wareham), Neil Dixon (Life Member, Plymouth), Steve Garlick (Secretary, Newton Abbot) & David Taylor (Secretary, Bournemouth East).

3. Minutes of the AGM meeting held on 4th August 2021.

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were proposed by Allan Cavill, seconded by Mark Joynes and approved unanimously.

4. Matters arising from the minutes – there were none.

5. Secretary's report – Lynda Clarke gave her report – (attached as App A). There were no questions or comments.

6. Treasurer's report

The report and financial statement, having been previously circulated, the Secretary commented that little had been spent due to all meetings being held online, so few expenses had been required. She asked for Affiliated Members who wanted to remain in direct contact to email her their details. There being no questions or further comments on the Treasurer's report, it was proposed by Peter Clarke, seconded by Alan Cavill and approved unanimously.

7. Election of Officers and Committee for 2021-2022.

a) Chairman – Tim Callard, having already notified the meeting that he would be stepping down from the committee due to health reasons, handed over to the Secretary for the election of Chair. She reported that there had been no nominations. Deirdre Griffiths expressed interest and asked about the role. Lynda suggested that Deirdre be elected to the committee so that she could explore this. This was agreed unanimously. Lynda Clarke then handed back to Tim to chair the remainder of the meeting.

b) Secretary – The Chair reported one nomination for Lynda Clarke, proposed by David Taylor of Bournemouth East Allotment Society and seconded by Alan Cavill (SW Mentor). Lynda was elected unanimously.

c) Treasurer – The Chair reported that Mark Joynes (the existing Treasurer) was being nominated as SW Regional Rep so would be unable to continue as Treasurer. Marcus Knight expressed

interest and commented that he had recently become Treasurer/Secretary of his own association. The Secretary suggested that he join the committee and explore the role. This was agreed by all.

d) Committee members – The Chair noted that nominations had been received for Neil Birrell, Peter Clarke and Rowan Pym. These were all elected unanimously. Alan Cavill, as SW Mentor, would also serve on the committee.

e) Regional Representative. Mark Joynes was proposed by Allan Cavill, seconded by Lynda Clarke and agreed unanimously. He was thanked for taking on this important role.

f) Committee Meeting Date – The Secretary noted that a provisional date had been suggested for Wednesday 7th December, which was now the date of her own association's AGM, which she needed to chair. Instead, she proposed Wednesday 14th December, which was agreed by the new committee.

8. Members Items – there were none.

9. Talk by Dr Deborah Burn, Research & Development Officer, NAS.

The Chair introduced the speaker who gave her presentation. This had been recorded and would be available from Lynda Clarke via email within three weeks at lclarke.nas@gmail.com

The Secretary thanked the speaker for her very interesting, amusing and informative talk. She then thanked Tim Callard for his leadership as the first Chair of the SW branch. Tim summarised the things that had been achieved, stating that he was sad to be leaving, but was no longer well enough to give the role the energy it needed. Other attendees added their thanks to him.

The meeting closed at 20:25.