

# **LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER 2024 AT THE KING EDWARD HALL, LINDFIELD**

- 1) President, Neal McNamara, opened the meeting by welcoming members and thanked everyone for coming. He also thanked the committee for their hard work throughout the year
- 2) Minutes of the previous AGM were approved and signed. (Proposed by Gill Jones and seconded by Lois Willett)
- 3) There were no Matters Arising.
- 4) Richard Harding referred to his written Chairman's Report which accompanied the agenda, and added his thanks to each of the committee members by name.
- 5) Secretary, Christine Cawley, summarised the various new events which had been introduced in 2024, including some on Sunday afternoons, and advised that similar events were planned for 2025. These will include a Layering and Air-layering Masterclass in March/April, a Rose-themed Afternoon Tea in June and a Flower Workshop in August.
- 6) In the absence of our Treasurer, Pat Whetstone, Richard presented the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. He mentioned that once again this year a small overall profit had been made. The accounts were adopted. (proposed by Wendy Dumbleton and seconded by Lois Willett)

Andy Child asked a question about the interest rate on the investments account, and Lois Willett suggested some of this reserve could be used to subsidise events such as talks. Both questions will be referred to Pat/raised at the next committee meeting.

- 7) Neal McNamara introduced the election of Chairman, and as there were no other contenders for the post Richard Harding was re-elected to the role. (Proposed by Betty Billins and seconded by John Rieley)
- 8) Richard advised that Deborah Novotny was stepping down as Minutes Secretary and that Carolyn Drew will take on that role. Otherwise all officers were standing for re-election. The following were elected en bloc to the Committee for the coming year. (proposed by Jenny Harding and seconded by Lois Willett):

Pat Whetstone – Treasurer  
Christine Cawley – Secretary  
Clare Wilson – Show Secretary  
Tim Richardson – Assistant Show Secretary/IT  
Carolyn Drew – Minutes Secretary

Jacqui Essen – Membership Secretary  
Jim Stockwell – Plant Sales Organiser  
Anne Williamson – Catering Supervisor  
Heather Hitchcock – Outings Organiser  
Jenny Purdon – Publicity Organiser  
Chris Gurr – Newsletter Distribution

- 9) Richard thanked Neal McNamara for his proactive involvement as President, and he was duly re-elected to the role. (Proposed by Jacqui Essen and seconded by Jenny Harding)
- 10) Wendy Dumbleton is stepping down from her role as Outings Organiser after twenty years. Richard thanked her for all her hard work over that time and she was presented with a bouquet of flowers. He proposed she be elected as Vice-President in recognition of her contribution. (Proposed Gill Jones and seconded by David Macmillan)
- 11) Gordon Marples, was re-elected as Examiner. (Proposed by Richard Harding and seconded by Wendy Dumbleton)
- 12) Any Other Business – there was no AOB

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Income		Expenditure		Net
	£	£	£		£
<b><u>Shows</u></b>	1070		1782		-712
<b><u>Sales of Plants &amp; Seeds</u></b>	2706		1671		1035
<b><u>Sundries Centre</u></b>	252				
opening Stock		419			
Purchases		0			
		<u>419</u>			
Closing Stock		<u>203</u>			
Cost of Sales			216	-46	36
<b><u>Subscriptions Received</u></b>	1450				1450
<b><u>Coffee Mornings</u></b>	539		365		174
<b><u>Social Events</u></b>	1517		1330		187
<b><u>Donations</u></b>	149				149
<b><u>Interest</u></b>	132				132
<b><u>Outings</u></b>	3978		3741		237
<b><u>Talks</u></b>	465		964		-499
<b><u>Admin, Equip Exp, Engraving, Shed rent</u></b>			1281		-1281
<b><u>Schedule and Newsletters</u></b>			439		-439
<b><u>Insurance</u></b>			220		-220
<b><u>Gratuities &amp; Donations</u></b>			75		-75
<b><u>Subscriptions and Affiliations</u></b>			118		-118
<b><u>Depreciation</u></b>			0		0
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<u>12258</u>		<u>12202</u>		<u>56</u>

**LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>				
Balance B/Fwd	13920		13736	
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	56		163	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS per last years accounts</b>			<u>13899</u>	
Prior year correction				21
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u><u>13976</u></u>		<u><u>13920</u></u>

**REPRESENTED BY:**

**FIXED ASSETS**

at written down values

Tables & Vases	100		100	
Other minor items (nominal value)	0		0	
Laptop and Printer	0		0	
Sundries Shed	100	200	100	200

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Sundries Centre Stock	203		419	
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Bank Balances

Investment Account	9000		9000	
Current Account	4573		<u>4170</u>	
				13170

Cash in Hand	383		398	
Less Payments in advance	595		-306	
Less Creditors/Debtors	-979		18	
Prior year correction			21	
		<u><u>13976</u></u>		<u><u>13920</u></u>

During 2015 the Society's Cups and Trophies were valued for insurance purposes at £14450. This sum is not included in the Accounts above. Insurance in the sum of £25000 for Sheds, Equipment, Cups and Trophies is held.

R Harding  
Chairman

Mrs P Whetstone  
Honorary Treasurer

**Report of the Examiner to the Members of Lindfield Horticultural Society.**

I certify that the above Accounts have been prepared from the books and records of the Society and are in accordance therewith. I have not examined the physical holdings in stocks.

Gordon Marples  
Honorary Examiner

Due to the presentation of these accounts in whole £'s there is a rounding error of less than £1 on this page.