

**MINUTES OF THE 31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE HERTFORDSHIRE GROUP OF THE HARDY PLANT SOCIETY**

Held at the Memorial Hall, Wheathampstead  
on Saturday, 2nd November 2019

**Present:**

<b>Officers</b>	
Elizabeth Egré	<i>Chair</i>
VACANT	<i>Secretary</i>
Alison Tracy	<i>Treasurer</i>
<b>Committee Members</b>	Annie Godfrey, Penny Bennetts, Beryl Davis, Maggie Lacey, David Singleton, Susanna Geoghegan, Anastasia Rezanova and Leo Vaughan.

Liz Egre opened the meeting by explaining that Annie Godfrey (Vice Chair) would be chairing the meeting as she offered to take the minutes in the absence of a Secretary.

**Apologies for absence** were received from: Tricia Calcraft, Anne Childs, Sue Tomson, Jame Singleton, Jennifer Max, Jill Eames, Irene Cowan and Pat Walker. **49 members attended.**

**1 MINUTES**

The minutes of the 30th AGM held on Saturday 3rd November 2018, which had been circulated, were agreed and signed as a correct record.

*Proposed by Linda Williams; seconded by Ed King.*

**2 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

See attached

*Proposed by David Singleton; seconded by Lesley Hopkins*

**4 TREASURER'S REPORT**

(See attached) Multiple copies available to members. 'AT reported that the current year's accounts were holding steady, despite a slight decline in membership. Our financial position is healthy and fully able to support the programme for the year ahead. AT also reassured members that last year's provisional accounts were very close to the final position and thanked Mary Robey for a smooth handover.'

The accounts had been examined but this was a one off and we need a volunteer to examine the accounts for 2020.

*Proposed by Dennis Sandor; seconded by Beryl Davis.*

**5 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Elizabeth Egré, was re-elected as Chair. Elected: Treasurer Alison Tracy, Vice Chair Annie Godfrey en bloc.

**No nominations for Secretary.**

*Proposed by Diane Barry; seconded by Yvonne Mansergh*

**6 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Penny Bennetts, Leo Vaughan, Susanna Geoghegan, Beryl Davis, Anastasia Rezanova and David Singleton were re-elected, to serve respectively as Refreshments Coordinators, Speaker Bookings, Plant Sales Coordinator, Social Media co-ordinator, and Hall Manager.

*Proposed by Ali King; seconded by Dennis Sandor*

**7. ELECTION OF EXAMINER, SECRETARY, PUBLICITY OFFICER, NEWSLETTER EDITOR AND OUTDOOR EVENTS ORGANISER: *No nominations received.***

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Yvonne Mansergh asked the meeting if anyone present wished to see the Society fold? No one did.

She then asked for volunteers to fill the vacancies and Linda Williams volunteered to produce the Newsletter for the next twelve months. An offer gratefully accepted by the Vice Chair and the committee.

The AGM closed and was followed by a talk on  
"Bees" by Jonathon Matthews of Mid-Bucks Beekeepers.