

Old Marston Mill Lane Allotment Association

Minutes of the OMMLAA's AGM

Held in the Church Hall, Elsfield Road, Marston, 6 of November 2014

Present: Masha Unkovskaya (Chair) David Manson (Honorary Treasurer), John Curtis, Walter Towner, James Brown, Brian Vickers, Christine Mitchell, Michael Boston, Brian Ponting, Brian Vickers, Paul Malvany, Iona Goring (representing Alf Hardy) Dr. Bullock, Diana Duvnjak, Victor,

Absent: Christopher and Kayleigh Pierce, Katja Wiech, Natalie Sayers, Bill Agent, Nataly Sawers.

Apologies: Hazel Rugg

Chair's report:

- The Chair thanked all for coming. She notified those present of the departure of two members, Debbie and Chris as they are moving out of the area.
- The Minutes of the 2013 AMG were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report:

- The Honorary Treasurer presented the OMMLAA's accounts, audited by a Chartered Accountant, Michael Gillespie. The committee thanked MG for his charitable work.
- The Honorary Treasurer announced that for the third year running the cost for hiring a plot will remain at £21 for a full plot and £10.50 for half a plot.
- Despite having incurred heavy expenditure last year, the accounts are still reasonably healthy. The Honorary Treasurer explained that the people who delivered the portacabin could not get through the allotment gates and had to lower the container over them. Thus we had to engage the help of Dennis Ward who managed to position the container onto its base at a cost of £100. The Honorary Treasurer had asked the Parish Council for the restitution of the £100, but the PC had already donated the container for free and did not pay the additional expense for repositioning the container.
- The Honorary Treasurer has applied to the Parish Council for a grant of £100. It is anticipated that the Council will vote on this at its AGM on 27 November.
- The accounts were approved by those present.

Any Other Business:

John Curtis asked whether our Federation Insurance can insure the portacabin, but the H. Treasurer said that the Federation Insurance would not cover it. he agreed investigate other insurers.

A charge of £5 was proposed for the use of the communal rotavator. The money collected is needed for the maintenance, service and repair of the machine. This was originally proposed by John Curtis at the October Committee Meeting. The charge was approved by the meeting.

Key holders for the container are all committee members, as well as Bill Agent, Paul Mulvany and Brian Vickers. PM and BV were given keys after the meeting. The list of names, telephone numbers and plot numbers of key holders will be posted on the door of the portacabin.

The Committee members were re-elected, as were the Chair and the H. Treasurer. Mrs. Christine Mitchell was elected as Secretary, explaining that she now has fewer evening commitments and will be able to attend regular OMMLAA meetings. An induction meeting between her and the Chair was arranged for 12 November at 6.45.

The meeting closed at 8.32 p.m.