

Annual General Meeting

November 27th 2015

Report

The AGM this year took place at the home of Peter and Gillan Lee, and was attended by 34 members and their guests. A list of those attending as at a week earlier had already been circulated to members.

Secretary's Report

The secretary reviewed the events that had been organised this year. This can be seen in a separate paper (circulated with this Report).

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the accounts of the Society. The main points were:

- the opening balance was £890.27, the closing balance £865.98. This is set against a nominal target of about £1000, which is a figure that it is hoped will enable the Society to be resilient against unexpected expenses, and which was agreed at an earlier AGM.
- the biggest loss over the year was the Annual Dinner. This was because of the closure of the previous venue - Whirlow Grange – and the greater cost of the new. The Society bore the difference, but for this coming Annual Dinner the ticket price will need to be more realistic.
- as last year, the two walks are paid for by individual members, therefore requiring no movement of money across the Society's account
- the society made donations of £128 to each of two charities: the Pyongyang University of Science and Technology (PUST) sponsored by Colin McCulloch, and St Luke's Hospice, Sheffield sponsored by Sir Hugh and Lady Sykes.
- Kenneth Gale, who has been unable to attend events for the last couple of years due to health, had made a donation of £50 to the Society's funds
- the meeting accepted the accounts.

Election of Committee

The existing Committee:

Michael Waters (Chair)
Peter Veal (Secretary & Treasurer)
Andrew Coomer
Jeremy Kenyon

Carol Rowe
Kevan Scholes
Norman West
Geoffrey Wilkinson

all offered themselves for re-election and were duly elected.

Sir Hugh Sykes (who was not present) had offered to continue as President, and this was welcomed.

Other Points Discussed

A number of points were raised:

- the meeting approved the general shape of the past year's events, to which next year's will be similar
- a proposed price to members of £40 for the Annual Dinner met with approval
- this coming year more work will be done to streamline the operation of the Society. Jeremy Kenyon, who was not present, had done an excellent job on the website and Facebook account, and we are looking at more use of online techniques
- it was suggested that at occasions such as the AGM members should be provided with name tags, with large clear print
- the committees intention to follow upon D&AR's desire for there to be meetings for local new Cambridge under-graduates prior to going up was welcomed
- the proposed visit to the Health and Safety Labs was welcomed
- Peter Lee and Gillian were thanked for their hospitality

Peter Veal, Secretary