

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 7 September 2006

The meeting was held at the home of Carole Gude commencing at 8pm

Present Mr M Hainsworth (Chairman), Mr J L Akers (Secretary), Mrs W M Akers, Mr J Gibson, Mrs C Gude, Ms S Madden, Mr T Mitchell, Ms M Murray, Mrs B Pickering, Mrs A Turner, Mr P Turner

Apologies Mrs T Clements, Mr K N Eyre, Mr J Wainwright

Minutes of last meeting Minutes of the previous committee meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence A great deal of correspondence had been received and dealt with by the secretary. Specific attention was drawn to the book received from Pat of her family history which included detailed references to Sam Barlow and the Bentley family.

Review of events

Daffodil Show at Warwick For the first time ever (?) this show attracted no entries. Apologies had been given to Keith Eyre for his wasted journey to judge.

RHS Tulip Competition held at Wisley on 25-26 April.

Because of the late season this had been a disappointing show and for the first time in recent years there had been no entries from our members.

Harrogate Spring Show held on 27-30 April had also been disappointing because of the late season, however there was yet again a new winner of the Championship of Great Britain, in Paul Payne from Norwich. The most disappointing aspect of the show however had been the lack of support in manning the show. It was agreed that this would be raised at the AGM.

Constable Burton held on 29-30 April and 1 May had also suffered from a lack of volunteers. The bulbs would be dug up this year.

The Bishopthorpe Show a new event by the York Florists took place on 7 May. Although it was a PR event for the society it was felt that the York society needed to address the problem of whether they were having a flower show or a plant sale, since judging flowers with the public in the hall is not practical.

The Annual Show took place on 13 May at Outwood Memorial Hall at was the best for many years with four entries in the Needham Memorial class, the most since the 1960s. Publicity from the YSP display and Anna Pavord's talk had also resulted in a very high attendance. James was very encouraged by the number of people who had showed the new breeders supplied by John Wainwright.

Sculpture Park

This had been a fabulous event from all respects, financially and in the interest it had caused. Discussion took place on how we should dispose of the framed prints which were now our property and which could generate £500-£600 of income. It was agreed that these should be displayed at the AGM and then arrangements made for an auction prior to the 2007 AGM.

Drinks were served at this point to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary next day of Wendy and James Akers.

Sales Table Carole indicated that we had virtually sold out of many items because of the YSP and Annual Show being so successful. She queried whether the sale price for the YSP catalogue was too high at £10. It was agreed to keep that price until the AGM and then review later

AGM 7 October 2006 Because of the continuing illnesses of Cees Breed and his wife, Eric Breed would be unable to give a talk at the AGM. It was agreed to ask Derek Harris to give a talk on flower photography and then to have an open discussion on tulip growing. The AGM would be held from noon - 1pm, lunch from 1pm - 2.30pm and the talk and discussion from 2.30pm - 4pm.

Bulbs would be on sale as usual at the AGM bought from Bramcote Bulbs, and Miniature Bulbs (UK) would have a display.

Financial Report – The society's affairs were in good order. With approximately £3000 in each of the current and savings accounts. Anne Turner apologised that she had been unable to claim gift aid because the society was not a registered charity.

Newsletter There had been some response to the request for articles from new members but a further request would be made with the AGM notice and the newsletter would be sent out after the AGM.

Any Other Business

It was agreed that members of the committee should attempt to view Peter Royles seedling breeders this year, and any other members who wished to volunteer.

The library needed greater control which Margot Murray agreed to provide.

The meeting closed after 10.10pm with a vote of thanks to the chair.