

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 08 April 2004

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

Present Mr K N Eyre (Chairman), Mr J L Akers (Secretary), Mrs W M Akers, Mr J Gibson, Mrs C Gude, , Mr T Mitchell, Ms M Murray, Mrs B Pickering, Mr J Wainwright

Apologies Mr M Hainsworth, Ms S Madden, Mrs A Turner, Mr P Turner,

Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the meeting held 19 June 2003 were read and after a proposal by John Gibson, seconded by Wendy Akers, were approved by the meeting.

Matters Arising The secretary explained about the double booking of the hall for the AGM, and the help received from Brian Collinson in obtaining Silcoates School at short notice. He also outlined the offer from John Snocken to speak at the AGM which had been gratefully accepted.

Correspondence A great deal of correspondence had been received and dealt with by the secretary some of which had been generated because the society had been featured in two magazines *English Gardens* and *Homes and Gardens*. BBC Gardeners' World and a BBC4 painting programme had also made contact.

Highgrove Visit There had been five vacancies after the initial invitations had been sent out. The general invitation had then attracted five applicants so that it had not been necessary to hold a ballot. The timing and pick-up details were agreed.

Harrogate Spring Show The Society would be arranging a stand in the Societies tent and would ask for it to be judged for an award. James Akers would also give two half-hour talks on Friday and Sunday as part of the new-look Societies tent.

RHS Show at Wisley For information only, though it was hoped that a few members would show.

Constable Burton Would be held on 1 to 3 May. Malcolm Hainsworth would take up the displays on the Sunday and volunteers were requested for Sunday and Monday.

Local History week-end at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park Marguerite explained the preparatory discussions which had taken place regarding the possibility of arranging a display of paintings and artefacts associated with the Florists' Tulip at the YSP in 2006. This could involve a talk by Anna Pavord, a planting of bulbs and borrowing of paintings from several sources. All this to be done with little or no cost to the Society.

Annual Show The letter and schedules had been sent out. It was agreed that Jack Taylor would judge the Open Classes, Jane Greene the Novices and Extra Open and Keith Eyre the Dutch. The flowers would be made available the next day at Wrenthorpe for anyone to examine them.

Garden Visits – To be advised.

AGM Confirmation of booking of the hall had been received. Potential speakers were the lady from the Cambridge Botanical Gardens, Chris Blom and Celia Fisher. It was agreed to

extend the time so that the meeting would take place in the late morning, followed by Lunch and then the speaker in the afternoon.

Financial Report – There was £3096 in the bank, and £401 in the current account. The sales table had good stocks. Consideration was to be given to producing a Royal Worcester mug, cost £8.50 with a minimum order of 250.

Newsletter Was excellent last year again, and costs were surprisingly low.

Any Other Business

The date of the next meeting was fixed as 17 June.

John Wainwright said that he was prepared to create a web-site for the Society and register a name. This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.