

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 10 April 2003

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 K N Eyre, Mr J Gibson, Mrs C Gude, Ms M Murray, Mrs B Pickering, Mrs A Turner, Mr P Turner, Mr J Wainwright

Apologies Ms S Madden, Mr T Mitchell

Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the meeting held 15 August 2002 were read and after a proposal by John Gibson, seconded by Wendy Akers, were approved by the meeting.

Correspondence A great deal of correspondence had been received and dealt with by the secretary. Specific attention was drawn to two letters.

A letter from Outwood Memorial Hall declaring that the Society had no valid booking for the Annual Show.

A letter from Steve Thompson

Show Arrangements

Harrogate Spring Show

The judges, Keith Eyre and Jane Greene had been confirmed. The secretary had sent a slip to all members that he knew would be attending to try and ensure that there were more volunteers than in previous years. It looked as though the season should provide for a good number of entries.

Constable Burton

Was to be held this year on 3, 4 and 5 May. The secretary would only be able to attend on the last two days and therefore suggested that unless any other member of the committee wished to set it up on the Saturday, the society would only attend on Sunday and Monday. This was agreed and a number of volunteers agreed to attend. An article regarding the society's planting was included in the *Dalesman*.

Annual Show

As previously read out, the society was unable to hold the show at Outwood. The secretary together with the chairman Malcolm Hainsworth and Wendy Akers had booked Normanton Community Centre as a replacement but there were a number of problems with the facilities for catering. The secretary had co-opted Anne Smales to this committee to confirm the arrangements.

Jack Taylor together with Trevor Mills would judge the English Florist with Richard Smales again as a steward and observer. Jane Greene accompanied by Keith Eyre would judge the Dutch.

Barbara Pickering would provide a flyer for the show, John Wainwright would arrange for a map to be placed at Outwood, and would also run the raffle.

The bottles would be washed on Friday 9 May.

There would be plenty of space for the plant and sales tables.

Tom Baker would run the show using his own laptop computer.

The chairman was anxious to ensure that all the cups were available and easily identifiable for the presentation.

The Mayor of Normanton would be invited to open the show.

The flowers would be made available the next day at Wrenthorpe for anyone to examine them.

Financial Report – The new book had been paid for without the need to transfer money from the savings account. Carole was anxious to have another different card or postcard for the new show season. Marguerite Murray outlined the costs of the “Jose” card from a local supplier - £300 plus vat for 1000. This was given the go ahead.

Garden Visits – Barbara Pickering intimated that because of other commitments she would prefer not to arrange this year’s garden visit, but would try to find a replacement on show day.

RHS Tulip Day

James Akers explained his ideas for a society stand at Westminster on 30 April. John Wainwright showed a possible design layout and explained the large amount of work involved. Proposed by Keith Eyre and Seconded by John Gibson that the society should authorise the purchase of equipment etc to the value of £500. A number of members of the committee agreed to help with the construction.

Any Other Business

The date of the next meeting was fixed as 19 June. The secretary reminded the committee to think of a possible replacement for him. John Gibson suggested that the secretary could write a job description.

The meeting closed around 10pm