

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 15 March 2007

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

Present Mr M Hainsworth (Chairman), Mrs W M Akers, Mr K N Eyre, Mrs C Gude, Ms M Murray, Mrs B Pickering, Mrs A Turner, Mr P Turner, Mr J Wainwright. Also present was the auditor Mr Ivor Fox

Apologies Mr J L Akers (Secretary), Mrs T Clements, Mr J Gibson, Ms S Madden, Mr T Mitchell

Minutes of last meeting Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. In the absence of the secretary with a broken leg, it was agreed that Wendy Akers would take the minutes.

Correspondence A great deal of correspondence had been received and dealt with by the secretary. Specific attention was drawn to letters regarding the County Hall, the website and from Teresa Clements.

Review of forthcoming events

RHS Tulip Competition would be held at Wisley on 24-25 April.

Harrogate Spring Show would be held on 26-29 April. Volunteers were required to set up the show on Wednesday afternoon and man it over the four days. JLA would be there on the Thursday morning to handle the computer. Barbara Pickering stressed the need for better naming of the flowers and Margot Murray emphasised the need for a computer table.

Constable Burton would be held on 5-7 May

The Bishopthorpe Show a new event by the York Florists would take place on 15 May

The Annual Show would take place on 12 May at Outwood Memorial Hall.

Bottle washing date, judges and food arrangements for the annual show were agreed. The mayor would be invited to open the show. Barbara Pickering would arrange the engraving of the trophies with the help of Keith Eyre. Margot Murray would “freshen up” the display boards.

Garden Visit Joanna Spencer would be contacted with regard to the possibility of a visit to Chatsworth.

AGM To be held on 6 October 2007. Possible speakers were Richard Wilford, Eric Breed and John Snocken.

Website John Wainwright requested specific details for the website and demonstrated it to the Committee. Wendy Akers said how impressive the site was.

Bulb Offer Ivor Fox offered to supply 5 bulbs of an unnamed variety to each household attending the AGM. A class for 3 cut flowers of that variety would be included at the 2008 show. This could encourage people to come to the AGM and the show and would be a level playing field. Carole Gude thanked Ivor for his offer.

Financial Report – The society’s affairs were in good order. Ivor Fox then made a presentation to the Committee to show various alternative methods of increasing the income to the Society from the Society’s assets. After discussion it was proposed by Anne Turner, seconded by Wendy Akers that £2000 should be invested in Standard Life, and £3000 in the Alliance and Leicester fund.

Newsletter Anne Turner requested copy.

Any Other Business It was agreed to count the vase and make a recommendation for purchase. The meeting closed at 10.15pm with a vote of thanks to the chair.