

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 15 July 2004

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, Mrs T Clements, Mr K N Eyre, Mrs C Gude, Ms M Murray, Mrs B Pickering, Mrs A Turner, Mr P Turner, Mr J Wainwright
Apologies Ms S Madden, Mr J Gibson, Mr T Mitchell

Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the meeting held 8 April 2004 were read and after a proposal by John Gibson, seconded by Wendy Akers, were approved by the meeting.

Matters arising Teresa's letter of apology was explained. John Wainwright had completed the society website www.tulipsociety.co.uk and the initial response had been good. Carole Gude had not progressed the Royal Worcester mug but would do so.

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

Sophie Corydon had written thanking the society for its help on show day and to say that a number of paintings were completed.

Clive Nicholl had sent slides of photographs he had taken at Constable Burton.

A cheque had been received from a Mrs and Mrs Gaunt wishing to join the society but with no address. Agreed to write to the bank to resolve.

Highgrove James said that he intended to send bulbs of Agbrigg and would ask other members for any spare. Marguerite would write the visit up for the newsletter.

Review of events

Harrogate Spring Show

Entries had been slightly down because of the strange season. Anne Smales had won the Tulip Championship of Great Britain, Five years, five different winners. James explained why the society stand had not received an award, quoting from the several letters received. Manning the stand had been an even greater problem than in previous years.

The date of the show for 2005 would be 28 April, the latest in the year that it gets. James suggested that we should have four classes of florists tulips, 3 stages and single blooms of breeder, flame and feather.

RHS Show - Wisley

More entries than ever before and Wisley was an excellent venue but there was a doubt whether or not it would be held at Wisley in 2005.

Constable Burton

An enjoyable event, and received very well by visitors and Charles Wyvill alike. However the support from helpers was very poor and it might not be possible to attend next year because of the clash with Harrogate. Very good sales from the sales table.

Sculpture Park

A display had been put on for two days. Although "unmanned", Marguerite had been present for long periods.

Annual Show

It had been a good show despite the fears in a difficult season. The Society was stronger than ever, exhibitors were more educated now in what is an acceptable show flower, and more bulbs had been distributed in the past three years than ever before.

JLA proposed that the show be held on Saturday 7 May 2005 which would be put to the AGM. Although the cost of Outwood had risen, it was agreed to see if the hall was available on the proposed date.

Garden Visit

Because of Highgrove there would not be a summer garden visit this year.

AGM 2005

The day would be organised differently this year. The AGM would commence at 11am, followed by the buffet lunch. The whole afternoon would then be devoted to speakers and more time allowed for members to meet with one another, bulb and plant sales and the raffle.

Sally Pettit from the Cambridge Botanic Garden would be unable to speak, other potential speakers were Chris Blom, Celia Fisher, Brian Mathew, Chris Brickell and an item on growing tulips.

A special appeal would be made for members to man stands etc at the various events throughout 2005.

Art Exhibition 2006

Marguerite and Wendy had met Clare Lillee at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park to discuss a potential exhibition of Florists' Tulip paintings. A discussion took place on what the contents could be. A timescale of actions and potential costs was required.

Newsletter

The end of August was the deadline.

Financial Report – The society's affairs were in good order. Carole wished to redo the bank mandate. Trevor Mills had sent a cheque for £50 to become the first life member. Fourteen new members had been recruited at the show this year.

Any Other Business

Anne Turner reported that Trevor Mills had decide to stop driving having reached 70 and would therefore be less mobile than previously. The Sweet Pea Society wished to show recognition for the support he had given to their society over the years and had asked if we wished to contribute. The meeting closed after 10pm.