

# MINUTES

STAA COMMITTEE MEETING: THE HALF MOON, SHEET, 8th AUGUST 2023, 19:30

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## 1. ATTENDING

Margaret Davis - Chair  
Alison Bazley - Treasurer  
Steve Elliott - Sheet Rep  
Abi MacDonald-Grute - Trading Secretary  
David Mogg - Membership Secretary and Webmaster  
Andy Perrins - Secretary

## 2. APOLOGIES

David Petche - Tilmore Plot-Holder  
Kate Wighton - Tilmore Rep

## 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes were reviewed and accepted as correct.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Tilmore plots. David P. was not present to report on the outcome of his meeting on 13th July, so **ACTION: Margaret will contact him for an update.**
- b) Annual competition. Judging has been postponed because of poor weather.
- c) STAA will join the Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies (HFHS) for a trial period of one year. **ACTION: Andy will complete the paperwork.**
- d) Retrieval of trophies is ongoing.
- e) The Annual Barbecue will go ahead on Sunday 20th August if the weather is fair and a minimum of 25 people accept the invitation by Wednesday. **ACTION: David M. will issue invitations.**

## 5. ANNUAL SHOW

In the light of advice from Steve Amos, uncertainty as to the level of interest among members and concern about the likely workload, it was decided that we will not hold a show in 2024.

## 6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Nothing to add.

## 7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Current A/C £1049.17  
Deposit A/C £147.20

Following a recent change of regulations, it is no longer desirable for the STAA to have two bank accounts. It was agreed that Alison has the authority to arrange consolidation into a single account. **ACTION: Alison and Steve to investigate which bank will offer the best service.**

## **8. TRADING REPORT**

£250.00 cash to hand to the treasurer.

£120.00 of prize vouchers have been redeemed this year.

The seed potato list has arrived.

## **9. SHEET REPORT**

Steve reported that there have been some thefts of produce.

## **10. TILMORE REPORT**

In spite of the waiting list, there are still unoccupied plots.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Rats are thriving across the whole of Petersfield and causing some crop damage.

David M. reported that an unidentified non-member has used the STAA discount ID to order seeds from Kings.

Alison is looking for someone to take over responsibility for the newsletter, and wondered if Andy might step in. He swiftly displayed sloping shoulders, but suggested that we might revisit the subject when we know more about the HFHS newsletter arrangements.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee will be at 19:30 on Wednesday 30th August at The Half Moon, Sheet.

The meeting ended at 20:15.