

MINUTES

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

1. ATTENDING

Margaret Davis - Chair
Steve Elliott - Sheet Rep
Abi MacDonald-Grute - Trading Secretary
David Mogg - Membership Secretary and Webmaster
Andy Perrins - Secretary
Kate Wighton - Tilmore Rep

2. APOLOGIES

Alison Bazley - Treasurer
David Petcher - Tilmore Plot-Holder

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.
- b) Annual competition judging has now been completed and the winners are being informed.
- c) Retrieval of trophies is ongoing.

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AGM

Margaret will not be able to attend the AGM. She asked Andy to stand in and gave him her annual report in note form.

Robin Forrest and Lesley Farrow have been invited.

David M. has prize vouchers.

Kate to have an agenda slot to promote the sunflower competition.

Margaret asked us to use the AGM to try to recruit more committee members.

David M. clarified the protocol for awarding prizes: a first prize may be awarded to any plot-holder; second and third prizes are vouchers for the trading shed, so can only be awarded to Association members.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Nothing to add.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Nothing to add.

8. TRADING REPORT

The shed took nearly £1600 for the year.

Profit for the year was a little over £200.

Remaining stock is valued at nearly £600.

There was some discussion as to what figures should be used for stock-taking purposes. This question was not resolved at the meeting, but subsequent checking of government/HMRC regulations by David M. confirms that stock must be valued at cost.

Andy asked if the shed accepts orders in advance, as this might help both plot-holders and the Trading Secretary. The answer is No, but it was agreed that we might try a small-scale trial in the coming year.

9. SHEET REPORT

Nothing to add.

10. TILMORE REPORT

There is concern that new plot-holders are sometimes overwhelmed by the scale of what they have taken on.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be at 19:30 on Tuesday 17th October at The Half Moon, Sheet.

The meeting ended at 20:30.