

Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 21st June 2018

Present:

Brian Baxter – Chairman
Brenda Kember – Vice Chairman
Bob Allam – Treasurer
Cathy Jones – Secretary
Ron Fenn – Speaker Co-Ordinator
Mary Gotts – Travel & Events Co-Ordinator
Doreen Van Cauter – Study Groups Co-Ordinator (Leisure)
Steve Bowler – Committee Member
Nick Photi – Committee Member

Apologies for absence:

Neil Hutchison – Study Groups Co-Ordinator (Fitness)

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed 187 members to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Eleven apologies had been received by the Secretary. These were posted on the VCV notice board at the meeting.

3. Minutes of 2017 AGM

These were approved unanimously.

4. Committee Report

The Report, which was circulated at the meeting, had been placed on the VCV website 2 weeks prior to the AGM.

The Chairman reported it had been a good year for VCV with membership standing at 457, of whom 92% are now able to communicate electronically. Study Groups number 57. The Chairman thanked all those who had served on the Committee, Study Group Leaders, RUMs, Catering, Holidays, Events & Trips teams and everyone who had played a part in helping VCV to have such a successful year.

There were no questions from the floor.

5. Financial Report for 2017 – 2018

The Report, which was circulated at the meeting, had been placed on the VCV website 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

The financial year ended with a surplus of £1111. Income was down reflecting the reduced membership fee, but with expenditure well contained coupled with shared costs with Chiswell Green U3A and St Stephens Parish Council on some capital expenditure, the year finished with a small surplus as opposed to the shortfall budgeted for. The General Fund, allowing for advanced membership fees, stood at £13,131 at the year end. All events monies are kept separate from the main account and of the balance of £6,549, £4,658 represents advance receipts, leaving a buffer of £1891 for events prepayments where necessary. For Study Groups who collect and hold monies pending payments to third parties for facilities, consolidated figures

are shown. They are not included in the main account as they do not form part of the General Fund. This year's renewal membership fee at £17.50 will see a further reduction in income to around £8,300 and will not cover expected expenses. We plan to run deficits for the next several years to reduce the General Fund to around 9 months' annual expenditure, but without the need for any increase in membership fees until then.

There were no questions from the floor and the Chairman congratulated the Treasurer on his well-executed Report.

To accept the Financial Report for the year ending March 2018

Proposed by: Bronwen Hewer Seconded by: Coral McCulloch

Members approved the Report with two abstentions

6. To accept the proposed amendments to the VCV Constitution

The proposed amendments were previously circulated to the membership together with the Notice of the AGM, either by email or post. The Chairman read out each of the amendments which were approved by the majority of members.

Amendments to Para 3, Para 6 and Para 7 of VCV's Constitution were approved by the majority of members with two abstentions.

7. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the Accounts

The Chairman thanked Eve Brown for her invaluable contribution in examining and approving the VCV Accounts for the past year. He was pleased to report that she had agreed to carry out this role for the coming year.

8. Motions already received

No motions had been received.

9. Elect the Committee

As required by the Constitution, the existing committee stood down. The Chairman thanked them, and also his wife, for their support over the last year. The existing committee then offered themselves for re-election and each of the following members was proposed and seconded: Brian Baxter, Brenda Kember, Bob Allam, Cathy Jones, Ron Fenn, Mary Gotts, Doreen Van Cauter, Steve Bowler, Nick Photi, Neil Hutchison

A further nomination, Barbara Berry, who for the past year had been VCV's invaluable Webmaster, was proposed by Bronwen Hewer and seconded by Sue Darvell.

The Chairman stressed the continuing need for members to come forward and join the committee in order to achieve an orderly succession.

The majority of members voted to approve the nominees, with two abstentions.

10. Any Other Business

Referring to the 92% of members able to communicate electronically, a member enquired how the remaining 8% would be contacted. Assurance was given that such members would receive postal communications.

A further member raised an objection to certain historical expenditure by VCV. This was ably dealt with by the Vice Chairman, who was enthusiastically supported by the membership present.

11. Date of next Annual General Meeting

Provisionally Thursday 20th June 2019.