

Cleveland and Teesside Local History Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on Saturday 16 April 2016

at Middlesbrough College

Members Present

Committee Members G.Braddy (in the chair), M Wilby, A Wilby, J.Braddy, L.Firth, V.Harrison, P Davison, S.Ramsdale, L Polley and M F Peagam plus at least 25 other Members (making the meeting quorate).

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from A Brown and I Campbell.

Minutes of the last AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 11 April 2015 were received and approved as a true record.

(Motion Nominated: P Davison Seconded: J Little)

Matters Arising

None

Secretary's Report for the year ended 31 December 2015

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Secretary had resigned during the year. As a consequence there was no Secretary in post to provide a report on the activities of the past year, as required by the Constitution. He had therefore taken the liberty of preparing a Chairman's Report and this was presented to the meeting for its consideration.

The Chairman's Report (copy attached) was received.

The Chairman noted that:

- Membership was steady at around 250, as it had been for many years;
- There was good attendance at meetings and the bulletin 'Cleveland History' and our Newsletter continue to be well received;
- The Programme Secretary Allan Wilby had produced a varied selection of speakers and topics for four Saturday morning twin-talk meetings and thanks were also due to all the speakers and to the Dorman Museum and Middlesbrough College. In addition there had been a successful 18th Joint

Day School at Teesside University on the topic of 'Private Lives: Diaries in Local History';

- The J.T.Packett Prize had been awarded for the fifth time (and the next competition would be held in 2017).

The Chairman expressed his thanks to everyone who had contributed to the activities of the Society over the past year, and in particular his fellow Officers and Committee Members.

There being no questions, the Chairman's Report was accepted, in lieu of a Secretary's Report, by those present at the meeting.

Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2015

The Treasurer, Margaret Wilby, presented the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 (copy attached), highlighting:

- (a) The surplus of income over expenditure of £1,399.25 reflects the fact that no expenditure has yet been incurred for the production of a Cleveland Bulletin as might have been expected;
- (b) Income from subscriptions was improved thanks to the efforts of the Membership Secretary, Lee Firth, in chasing up payments.

Committee Member Ian Stubbs noted that there had been some difficulties in the processing of the transfer of income received from the sale of books over the internet, which explains the nil income from this source, but this problem had now been resolved.

The Financial Statements as presented were received and approved as a true record.

(Motion Nominated: S Ramsdale Seconded: L Polley)

Thanks were expressed to Messrs Campbell and Saul for their work in auditing the Financial Statements.

Election of Officers

The meeting received and considered nominations for Officers to serve the Society for one year from the date of the AGM.

Whilst the election for Chairman was taking place, the out-going Chairman stepped down whilst the matter was considered and the business of the meeting was conducted by a Member of the Society, Martin Peagam, with the consent of those present.

The following Members were duly elected:

Chairman - Geoff Braddy (Nominated: I Stubbs Seconded: P Davison)

Vice-Chairman - Linda Polley (Nominated: V Harrison Seconded: J Braddy)

Hon Secretary – Martin Peagam (Nominated: J Braddy Seconded: P Davison)

Hon. Treasurer – Margaret Wilby (Nominated: L Firth Seconded: J Braddy)

Editor – Val Harrison (Nominated: P Boden Seconded: L Polley)

Programme Secretary – Allan Wilby (Nominated: I Stubbs Seconded: P Boden)

Election of Ordinary Members of the Committee

The meeting received and considered nominations for Members to fill the eight positions available to Ordinary Members to serve on the Committee for one year from the date of the AGM.

The following Members were duly elected (all Nominated: P Boden Seconded: M Falcus)

J Braddy; A Brown; P Davison; L Firth; F Marshall; S Ramsdale; P Stephenson; I Stubbs

Appointment of Auditors

The meeting received and considered a proposal for the appointment of two independent auditors.

The following were duly elected:

Ian Campbell (Nominated: M Wilby Seconded: I Stubbs)

Ian Saul (Nominated: L Firth Seconded: P Davison)

Any Other Business

The Chairman informed the meeting that no notification had been received of any other business to be considered.

There being no other business, the meeting closed.

Start of Meeting: 10.00am

End of Meeting: 10.15am