

KVLGA

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on March 31st 2011

The Chairman opened the Meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed members attending including the Committee. The voting system of one vote per contract was explained.

Apologies None received

Matters arising from the AGM of 2010

There were no matters arising and the minutes were accepted by the Membership.

Chairman's Report

Dudley presented his previously circulated Report. He outlined the contents and made special mention of site security, essentially the need for Members to take care with valuable items and to be especially diligent with opening and closing the entrance gate.

Also mentioned was the Robin Hood School allotment which is now set up.

I am putting this rule forward because of the conditions of many plots.

Plots must be kept in a tidy, safe, productive and in a 75% cultivated state.

No more than 25% of a plot should be left uncultivated. Uncultivated areas might include lawns, paths, sheds, fallow areas or wildlife meadows.

Weeds must not be allowed to reach the stage of setting seed. It is the responsibility of the tenant to keep weeds under control on their plot.

Cultivation includes digging, mulching, pruning and weeding and should be for the production of vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers. It is not sufficient simply to clear weeds or cut down the grass areas.

This rule was adopted by the members unanimously

Accounts

The Treasurer presented his Report. The past year has been the best for sixteen years. Total funds stand at £4100.

Some expenditure has been necessary, eg: resurfacing the entrance roadway. However, this still leaves a healthy reserve with all plots let.

Martin expressed his thanks to the Auditor Ben Ibeson and also to Jim Hunt who has been responsible for obtaining the Association a substantial £500 rebate from Thames Water.

The Accounts were accepted by the Membership.

Subscription Rates for 2012

Due to a healthy surplus, the Committee was not disposed to raise the cost of the annual subscription for 2012. For information Kingston currently charge £76 annually for a ten, five rod plot in Wandsworth charge £165. The Site lease increases with the RPI so we will have to wait and see for the future.

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Revisions to the Constitution and Association Rules

The Handbook is now updated. There are no revisions to the Constitution or to the Association's rules.

Election of Officers for 2011-2012

The vote for the Committee was unanimous.

Member's Resolutions

There were no Member's Resolutions received.

Honorary Life Membership

The Association has one Honorary Life Member, Mr. Geoff Scruton. This was confirmed.

Golam Meeran enquired as to why Honorary Life Membership is only granted when a Member ceases to 'dig.' Astrid mentioned George King, however he has not taken up the offer of Honorary Life Membership.

It was agreed that HLM would be offered to him once again.

(Note: for the record George King has since died)

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Social Events: We need to improve upon the organisation of these events.

To this end the Committee needs Membership support.

There are no BBQ's booked.

Open Day will be on August 21st. This was felt to be a worthwhile event and as such should be preserved.

Suggestions and ideas to Linda Hunt.

Members wishing to organise BBQ's and events on behalf of the Committee should feel free to do so upon notification.

Colin Sawyer offered two panes of plate glass (55x92cms) to anyone interested.

Barry Wood proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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