



THE RYE & DISTRICT
BONFIRE SOCIETY

Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 12th March 2014
at the Brewery Yard Club by kind permission.

Members Present: F Warren, R Booth, R Kirk, I Foster, P Hughes, J Rowe, S Warren, P Carey, C Carey, S Bowler, N East, M Stoodley, A Tollett, W Wicking, D J Barnes, K & M Mayhew, E Moon, H Moon, M Buss, I Cuthbertson, C Arnold, C Chivers, Pete Claridge, Derek Stone, L Mitchell, D Lawton, W Wadey, T Beales, Jimper Sutton, M Cheese, B Gasson

1. Apologies for absence:

M O'Neill, R Palmer, C & D Saxby, F Rowe, P Ridgers, C Dyer, E Le Net, B Cutting, N Claridge

2. Minutes:

Copies of the Minutes of the AGM from 13th March 2013 were circulated. They were agreed unanimously as a true record.

Proposed Patsy Hughes **Seconded** Paul Carey

Matters arising: None

3. Report from the Chairman:

Francis reported another safe and successful Bonfire with no major problems and a good collection thanks to Patsy and her Bucketeers. Francis confirmed that we had no major problems and he thanked all the officers who helped throughout the year adding that without them it could not go ahead.

4. Report from the Treasurer to read and accept the accounts for the year:

Copies of the Profit and Loss account up to 31st January 2014 year end were circulated. Ian reported another very good year which he believed was in no small part due to the team of fund raising ladies led by Ruth Palmer. Ian went through the accounts explaining the totals in detail. The income total was £16,500.79. The major amounts were as follows: £838 - the Boot Sale, £3,120 - the Auction of Promises, £917.00 - the Clay Pigeon Shoot, £1,748.36 - various Quiz Nights, £4,133.96 - Street collections on our Bonfire event, £1,600 - Programme advertising and £537 from Programme sales with total gifts and donations of £1,478.

The expenditure total was £15,830.83. The major amounts were as follows: Charitable donations - £2,850, Insurance £2,310, Programme expenses - £1,059, new racking for firework display £2,400 plus Fireworks, road closure expenses and safety for the Rye Bonfire event amounting to £5,782. This left a profit for the year of £669.96 which Ian explained as low but we had given away more money in charitable donations and purchased more plant. However, there was a healthy £13,077.37 in the Bank, which Ian said would stand us in good stead for the 2014 celebrations.

There were no questions from the floor.

On behalf of all our members Francis thanked Ian for his dedication and hard work on our behalf.

5. To propose a vote of thanks to the Honorary Auditors:

Messrs. Gibbons Mannington and Phipps

Ian gave a vote of thanks to our auditors. He said that they did a very good job for us. They did this service for us free of charge and were happy to continue as our auditors.

Proposed Paul Carey **Seconded** Ian Foster

6. Election of Officers **Proposed** **Seconded**

6a) Company Directors: Ian Foster Patsy Hughes

Andy Tollett, Paul Carey and Francis Warren agreed to stand again as Directors

6b) Company Secretary: Andy Tollett Jimper Sutton
Ian Foster agreed to stand again

All the above voted in unanimously by the members present

Society Officers:

6c) President Francis Warren Simon Bowler
Jimper Sutton was proposed

6d) Vice Presidents Bob Booth Christine Chivers
Marion Buss Ian Foster Patsy Hughes
Mr Ken Jessop

6e) Chairman Paul Carey Simon Bowler
Francis Warren agreed to stand again

6f) Vice Chairman Willie Wicking Jimper Sutton
Bob Booth agreed to stand again

6g) Secretary Simon Bowler Charlie Carey
Rita Kirk agreed to stand

6h) Treasurer Jimper Sutton Paul Carey
Ian Foster agreed to stand again

6i) Membership Secretary Sandra Warren Dave Lawton
Nikki Lawton agreed to stand again
with the help of Husband Dave

6j) Out Meetings Secretary Dave Lawton Christine Chivers
Willie Wicking agreed to stand again

With the agreed assistance of Patsy Hughes

All the above voted in unanimously by the members present

7. To elect an Honorary Auditor for the ensuing Year

Messrs Gibbons Mannington & Phipps Ian Foster Christine Chivers
Were elected once again

The above voted in unanimously by the members present

8. To appoint departmental 'Captains' for the ensuing year

8a) Captain of Marshals and Safety co-coordinator Charlie Carey Simon Bowler
Paul Carey agreed to stand again
With the agreed assistance of Troy Beales & Wayne Wadey

8b) Parade Captain Brian Gasson Willie Wicking
Charlie Carey agreed to stand again

8c) Site Captain Ian Foster Andy Tollett
Simon Bowler agreed to stand again

8d) Torch Captain Christine Chivers Dave Barnes
Kevin Mayhew agreed to stand again

8e) Bonfire Captain Simon Bowler Andy Tollett
Adrian Pettitt was elected in his absence

8f) Pyrotechnic Captain Ian Foster Andy Tollett
Neil Baker was elected in his absence

8g) Fund-Raising Captain

Ruth Palmer was elected in her absence

Joan Ridgers Patsy Hughes

8h) Programme Captain

Margaret O'Neill was elected in her absence

Paul Carey Neale East

8i) Effigy Captain

Willie Wicking agreed to stand again

Bob Booth Francis Warren

8j) Firecart Captain

Malcolm Mayhew agreed to stand again

Sandra Warren Dave Barnes

8k) Collectors Captain

Patsy Hughes agreed to stand again

Sandra Warren Christine Chivers

8l) Captain of the Burning Boat

Dave Lawton agreed to stand again

Francis Warren Dave Barnes

8m) Webmaster, Press and Publicity Captain

Neale East agreed to stand again

Rita Kirk Willie Wicking

The above voted in unanimously by the members present

9. To Nominate and approve Honorary Memberships for the year 2012/2013

Eileen Le Net and Claire Dyer

For their hard work on Bonfire Building day keeping everybody fed and watered

Mark Bridgeland

For his outstanding work with his vehicle in building the pallet bonfire

Helen Gray

For her untiring work in presenting our fund raising quiz

Tony Heritage

For providing and driving his tractor and trailer to get all the pallets to the bonfire

Proposed Seconded

Neale East Charlie Carey

The above voted in unanimously by the members present

10. Any Other Business

A working party consisting of Francis Warren, Paul Carey and Kevin Mayhew was arranged for Saturday 15th March to meet at 09.30 on the Salts to commence re-seeding the Bonfire site.

Joan Ridgers reminded those present of the long awaited Ghost Walk for Friday 28th March commencing at 7.00pm from The Queen's Head, Rye – details would be circulated.

Rita reminded those present that raffle prizes were needed for Bonfire Quiz Night 19th March.

Derek Stone –Deputy Chair of BONCO (also a Rye member) gave those present an update on the recent AGM and work of Sussex Bonfire Society.

Pete Claridge – Treasurer of BONCO (also a Rye member and Chair of Robertsbridge Bonfire Society) gave notice of plans to arrange a Rock'n'Roll fund raiser for Rye Bonfire.

It was confirmed by Dave Lawton that subscriptions were now due. Ian Foster confirmed that the cost would be held at £5.00.

Francis Warren apologised that Bonfire badges would not be available until April 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

The next Rye Bonfire Society Meeting would be held on Wednesday 9th April, 8.00pm at the Rye Brewery Yard Club

Chairman..... Date.....