



SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN TWINNING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 2nd February 2023

7.30pm at The Hailey Centre, Bell Street

Present:

David & Terry Royle

Sally & Tim Pribul

Valerie Young

Eric & Ruth Buckmaster

Ruth & Chris Armistead

Jane & Tim Johnson

Helen Avontuur

Alice & Rachel Everard

Lanier & Steve Pole

Liz Waugh

Rita De Ferry

MINUTES

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence Sue McClymont, Mary & John Ireland, Paul Avontuur, Eugene & Karin Keddy, Viv O'Leary, Gill Hawkins, Paul Young, Allan De Ferry |
| 2 | Minutes of previous AGM held on 10th February 2022 These were agreed as a true record. Unanimous acceptance by the floor, signed by Chairman. |
| 3 | Chairman's Report David summarised his report, which had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting. David mentioned that there is a German/British Association set up for town twinnings and he and Ruth had participated in an exchange of ideas earlier that day. This will be discussed further at the committee meetings. David thanked Andrew and Chris Armistead for their work on the website and the production of the business cards which can be used at events for publicity purposes. Chris Armistead proposed acceptance of the report and it was seconded by Helen Avontuur and it was approved unanimously by the meeting. |
| 4 | Treasurer's Report Sally presented the Accounts for the year 2022. She thanked Jeremy Dickson for being the Independent Examiner and asked for any questions. She clarified that the Ukrainian Donation (£100) was given at the beginning of the Ukrainian War to the Government Fund. The £600 'grant' was from the Herts County Council (Eric Buckmaster's Locality Budget) and STTA were facilitating the use of this money by the volunteers in Sawbridgeworth for the benefit of the Ukrainian families living there. It will all have been spent during 2023. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Chris Armistead and seconded by Helen Avontuur. Unanimously approved by those present at the meeting. Jeremy Dixon was re-appointed as the Independent Examiner for the accounts. |

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| | <p>Prior to the meeting an amendment to the Constitution Item 11 had been proposed by Tim Johnson such that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (current wording) <i>The Committee shall appoint two signatories for the account, either of whom may sign cheques etc., on behalf of the Association;</i> <p>should be replaced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (proposed wording) <i>The Committee shall appoint at least three signatories for the account, any two of whom are required to make payments by any accepted method on behalf of the Association.</i> <p>Tim Pribul suggested that the new wording should be: ... <i>required to authorise payments</i> Therefore the proposal is that the new wording for Item 11 will be: <i>The Committee shall appoint at least three signatories for the account, any two of whom are required to authorise payments by any accepted method on behalf of the Association.</i> Proposed by Tim Johnson, seconded by Helen Avontuur, unanimously agreed by the meeting.</p> |
| <p>5</p> | <p>Election of Officers and other committee members</p> <p>David Royle stood aside and Sally Pribul took the Chair.</p> <p>Sally Pribul proposed David Royle as Chair, seconded by Tim Johnson. David was unanimously elected.</p> <p>David Royle re-took the Chair. Jane Johnson proposed Sally Pribul as Secretary of the Association, seconded by Val Young. Unanimously elected.</p> <p>Sally Pribul proposed Tim Johnson, Tim having previously agreed that he would stand as Treasurer, seconded by Chris Armistead. There being no other nominations, Tim was unanimously elected.</p> <p>The remainder of the committee members, all having previously agreed to stand again and as there were no other nominees: Eric Buckmaster; Jane Johnson; Valerie Young; Ruth Armistead Proposed by Tim Pribul, seconded by Terry Royle, were unanimously elected en bloc.</p> |
| <p>7</p> | <p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A quiz has been arranged for Saturday 18th February. Tickets are on sale, going well. • The Association will have a table at the May Fayre on Sunday 30th April 2023. • Tim Johnson queried David’s comment in the minutes of the previous AGM regarding seeking funding for the 50th Anniversary in 2023. David replied that as yet he hadn’t applied, but this would be done for the next funding round in July. • There was much discussion on the subject of a ‘photobook’ to be produced as gifts for the other two towns. Chris Armistead had researched one company and it was decided that further research on costs, etc., should be done, but the overall idea was good. The committee will discuss at their first meeting on the 17th February. • David told the meeting that several members of the committee are travelling to Bry in May to join with the contingent from Moosburg to celebrate the 50th Anniversary. • A vote of thanks to David and Sally, and the committee, was proposed by Chris Armistead for all their hard work in keeping the Association functioning. <p>First committee meeting: Friday 17th February 2023 at 09.30am at Jane’s, 5 Sayes Gardens</p> |