



**The 65th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE HARDY PLANT SOCIETY**

Held at the Tacci-Morris Arts Centre, Taunton,
Somerset on Saturday 10th September 2022

Members observed a one-minute silence for HM Queen Elizabeth II at the start of the Lecture Day event.

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence were received from Lyn Maile, Chair Worcestershire Group; Souren Ala, Editor HPS Journal; Cathy Rollinson, former Chair; Karen Gimson Trustee and Sandra Hartley Southern Counties Group

2. The minutes of the 64th Annual General Meeting (as printed in the November 2021 edition of the Newsletter) were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Graham Farquhar; seconded by Tricia Newton

3. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2021 AGM.

4. The Chair's Annual Report was formally adopted. The full report is available on the website and a summary was delivered by the Chair.

Member benefits continued during a difficult year. Despite Covid, Local and Special Interest Groups held online meetings, members worked remotely to distribute seed, there were no shows, bursaries applications were greatly reduced but publication sales increased, the newsletter included competitions and the conservation scheme continued to preserve rarer cultivars.

Proposed by Lynne Hackett seconded by Jan Vaughan

5. The Treasurer's Financial Report was formally adopted.

The Treasurer reminded us that equity markets increased in value during 2021 despite it being a Covid year. In the current year (2022) our investments are only down 8% and we will be showing a loss. In addition bursaries have increased, we are now enjoying shows and events and printing costs have risen sharply, but The Society remains well placed financially in a very unsettled climate. There is no reason to increase subscriptions but we may have to reconsider the situation at a later date.

Proposed by Roy Stickland seconded by Diana Hebditch

6. The following were elected as Officers of the Society:

Honorary Treasurer: Stuart Senior
Proposer Roy Stickland; seconder Lady Rosemary Fitzgerald

Honorary Secretary, Office and Administration: Helen Curtis,
proposer Jan Vaughan; seconder Catherine Part

Standing for election as Honorary Secretary, Trustees: Linda Hall
proposed by Pamela Clark seconded by Jamie Blake

7. Saul Walker was elected as a Trustees of the Society:

proposer Pamela Clark; seconder Helen Curtis

The Chair announced that Jamie Blake has been co-opted as a Trustee at a recent Trustees' meeting and will be formally nominated for election by members at the next AGM.

8. A formal vote of thanks was given to:

- Trustees at the end of their term: Karen Gimson, Catherine Part, Peter Howard
- Our hosts: Somerset Group
- Trustees, Officers and Post holders
- Office Manager: Clare Powell

9. The appointment of Haynes Watts as the Independent Examiner of the Society's accounts was formally approved

proposer Kate Harris; seconder Keith Scott

10. The Annual Lecture Day and AGM 2023 will be hosted by the Western Counties Group at Pershore College, Worcestershire

Open Forum: The Chair invited questions and comments from the floor but there were none.