

**Capel St Mary Allotments Association**  
**Minutes of General Committee Meeting**  
**Monday 16 September 2019**

Present: PB, GW, DS, DA, AA, GC, MD, WR, GL Apologies CH, PH

**1. Minutes of General Committee Meeting - 5 August 2019**

- Re point 4 - Currently available figure should read £3,444.09
- Re point 13 – GW produced report / letter re machinery

**2. Executive Meeting**

- There has not been an Executive Meeting since the last General Meeting.

**3. Treasurer's report - GC**

- Grand Total - £9,070.40      Current Total Cash Available - £2,163.04      Rotovator - £2,845.97

**4. Stores Managers Report**

- Sales to date £9,431.
- Autumn / Winter lawncare now available.

**4a. Show**

- WR reported it was a very successful show and Show Report now on website.
- Thanks given to AA for a record result on the draw of £1,040.
- Presentation to Dennis Page went very well.
- SSALG donation has been received for the Show.
- Comments on show:
  - There was a shortage of flyers and CH to do a recount on number of houses in village
  - A new Children's Judge / Steward has been sourced for next year, also need a new art judge and PB to contact possible replacement. Handicrafts judge very good and gave positive feedback.
  - Some categories may need to be allocated additional space next year eg cookery.
  - We need to confirm the entry fees in email confirming entries.
  - We need to update our slogan.
  - The new banner looked great but should be put up earlier next year. Thanks was given to all the team for their hard work.

**5. Site Manager's Report**

- Hopefully two half plots soon to be let.
- Clubhouse – grant been applied for and quotes for work submitted.
- Septic tank emptied again.
- Agreed to re-site the bonfire back to original site.
- Work in jobs to include:
  - Clearing area by new compound
  - Preparing base for 10' x 12' tool shed
  - Repair toilet shed roof
  - Cut back overhanging shrubs
  - Paint garage / shop doors
  - Wildlife area.

## **6. Seed Scheme**

- Seed catalogues distributed by liaison members and potato forms being sent in. Requests also been received for passwords to order online.
- PH to liaise with MD for a reminder to be sent in October for orders to be in by 16 November.
- A further update will be given at the next meeting

## **7. Membership Secretary's Report**

- At end of year we had 323 members including 3 honorary.

## **8. Capel Capers**

- Next month – plot rentals, Autumn Work In, Membership fees collection, hut closes end October, seed scheme and cultivator hire.

## **9. NAS/SSALG**

- Last meeting held on 10 August.
- Discussed plotholder agreements and these could contain a cultivation rate ie how much of plot should be cultivated in a given time.

## **10. Visits**

- Robins visiting on 30 September and 1 October.

## **11. IT**

- New version of programme for show is now being revised again following comments and feedback.
- New website has now been launched and comments about it were very positive.

## **12. General Secretary's Report**

- People from Orpington no longer wish to visit and see the polytunnel as decided this is too big a project for their site.

## **13. Chairman's Report**

- A big thanks to Wendy and all the Show team and helpers for another successful Show, also congratulations to AA with over £1,000 sales of draw tickets and wonderful prizes.
- CH has compiled and submitted the grant application to the NAS Trust for our meeting house.
- CH will update the Allotment history for 2018/19 ready to submit it to the Suffolk Records,
- Many thanks to Geoff for all the work in preparing the plot rentals and membership renewals.

## **14. AOB**

- Show Cups – DA reported one had been replaced and we need to look at others to see if they need replacing.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of next meeting: 18 November 2019

Circulation: General Committee members, SB & notice board.