

THE RHODODENDRON, CAMELLIA AND MAGNOLIA GROUP

Registered Charity Number 1161254

Patron: HRH The Prince of Wales



Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Postponed from Bowood on 9th May 2020)
held on Saturday 19th September 2020 at 4.00 pm via Skype

PRESENT:

Chairman and Trustee: Graham Mills Trustees: Barry Cooke, John Marston and Alastair Stevenson, Treasurer: Jenny Fly, Secretary: Polly Cooke, Year Book Lead Editor: Barry Haseltine, Bulletin Editor: Peter Furneaux, Advertising Officer: Stephen Lyus, Outstanding Gardens Scheme Co-ordinator: Nick Butler, Independent Examiner: Russell Beeson.

Mark Bobin, Ted Brabin, Andy Fly, Rama Lopez Rivera, Rod and Mary White.

1. Apologies:

Jane Anderson, Val Anderson, Eric Annal, Mary Ashworth, Caroline Bell, Mark Bulk, Koen Camelbeke, Mary Chaplin, Christopher Clarke, Pat Coombes, Everard Daniel, David Davies, Michal Dvorak, Nigel Edwards, Dick Fulcher, Jim Gardiner, Martin Gates, John Greenall, Ingegerd Grönberg, Anne Guelker, Miranda Gunn, Robert Hatcher, Pam Hayward, Roger Hayward, Sally Hayward, Kenn Jacobsen, Gary Lovelock, David Millais, Alan Pedrick, David Reed, Ray Rosendale, John Sanders, William Stanger, Michael Stone, Ivor Stokes, Leon Teeven, Ross Underwood, Joey Warren, Joe Whelan and Robert Zimmermann.

Thirty-seven of the above forty members who sent apologies also completed an Absentee Voting Form, all were in favour of the Agenda items 2, 10,11,12 and 13 and none against.

Three members sent in messages which were read out by the Secretary:

Ingegerd Grönberg from Sweden wrote: I am very, very pleased with the RCMG

Robert Hatcher from South Australia wrote: Best wishes to all the RCM Group and just wish to add that the Facebook Group is a fantastic means of keeping in touch and we get to see rhododendron blooms year-round.

Jim Gardiner from West Sussex wrote: I am unable to `attend` so please accept my Apologies.

However, I wanted to express my appreciation to the Yearbook Editorial team who, having introduced `new faces` into the editorial team, continue to produce a volume of the highest quality.

Also, to formally congratulate Barry Cooke and his team for implementing, promoting and delivering the Centenary Cup Photographic Competition.

2. Minutes of the Last AGM:

The 2019 AGM was held at Exbury Social Club on 1st June 2019. The minutes published on the website were unanimously agreed to be a true record by those present, supported by thirty-seven Absentee votes, and were signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

The Chairman asked if all present had read the Review of 2019, circulated earlier to all members, which included Items 4 to 9 below:

4. Chairman's Report:

5. Trustees Report:

6. Treasurer's Report:

7. Membership Report:

8. Plant Committee and Conservation Report:

9. Publications Report:

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All present had read the above reports and there were no items for discussion or questions.

10. Election of Trustee:

Graham Mills has volunteered to continue as a Trustee. Graham was proposed by Barry Cooke, seconded by Ted Brabin and was elected unanimously by those present, supported by thirty-seven Absentee votes.

11. Election of Officers to the Management Committee:

Mary White has volunteered to become Lead Yearbook Editor. Mary was proposed by Andy Fly, seconded by Peter Furneaux and elected unanimously by those present, supported by thirty-seven Absentee votes.

Mark Bobin has volunteered to become Group Communications Officer (Social Media and Youth Engagement). Mark was proposed by Rama Lopez Rivera, seconded by John Marston and elected unanimously by those present, supported by thirty-seven Absentee votes.

Pam Hayward has volunteered to become Chairman of the Plant Committee. Pam was proposed by Alastair Stevenson, seconded by Russell Beeson and elected unanimously by those present, supported by thirty-seven Absentee votes.

12. Re-election of Officers for 2020-2021:

Chairman: Graham Mills
Vice Chairmen: David Millais and Barry Cooke
Secretary: Polly Cooke
Treasurer: Jenny Fly
Membership Secretary: Rupert Eley
Bulletin Editor: Peter Furneaux
Webmaster: Graham Mills
Events Co-ordinator: Vacancy
Advertising Officer: Stephen Lyus
Group Archivist: Pam Hayward
Outstanding Gardens Scheme: Nick Butler

All were proposed by Alastair Stevenson, seconded by Russell Beeson and elected unanimously by those present, supported by thirty-seven Absentee votes.

13. Election of Independent Examiner:

Russell Beeson has agreed to continue in this role. He was proposed by Graham Mills, seconded by Stephen Lyus and elected unanimously by those present, supported by thirty-seven Absentee votes.

14. Any Other Business (of which notice has been received)

There was no other business.

15. Venue and Date of the next AGM:

The next AGM will be held at Ness Botanic Garden on Saturday May 8th 2021 (Coronavirus restrictions permitting)

The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm