



PULBOROUGH COMPUTER CLUB

HON. SECRETARY – BILL CUTTING

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Pulborough Village Hall

Welcome

Bill Cutting, the Honorary Secretary, welcomed members to the meeting.

In the absence of a Chairman, Bill Cutting, asked members if they were content for him to manage the meeting.

Agreed unanimously

Apologies for Absence.

The President Mr Jim Noble, Rodger Hunt, Richie Profit, Jane Jeffrey, Derek Grieve, Sue and Graham Nicholson, Peter Gerrie, Brian Bateson, John Pratt, Ted Fisher, Barbara Harbutt, Mildred Surry, Roy Matthewson, Betty and Ray Parker.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting, held on the 5th February 2013, and the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 19th November 2013, which had been previously circulated, were presented to the meeting. There were no corrections or matters arising.

It was proposed by Pat Beard and seconded by Barbara Hunt that the minutes be adopted. By a show of hands the minutes were adopted unanimously.

Honorary Secretary's Report.

The Hon Sec reported that the Management Committee had met on a number of occasions. They recognised that with the loss of the talks given by the President and Dean Smith, that it was increasingly difficult to hold fortnightly meetings. They proposed that the club change to meeting once per month. At the Extraordinary General Meeting the members agreed to this proposal and that meetings should take place on the first Tuesday of the month. They also proposed minor amendments to the Constitution which were also agreed and the Hon. Sec. reported that all decisions had been implemented.

The Hon. Sec. thanked Pat Beard and Paul Hayward for the use of their dining room and for the provision of refreshments for the Management Committee meetings.

The Hon. Sec. reiterated the difficulties facing the Management Committee, and Pat Beard in particular, in finding sufficient speakers for the programme now that Jim Noble and Dean Smith were no longer offering tutorials. He again asked members to consider offering to give talks or tutorials on any computer related subject. It did not require a full one hour talk, we could combine two or three in one evening.

The Management Committee had recognised the change in the market place with the popularity of the iPad and other tablet devices. They had organised a number of talks associated with these devices, together with a visit to the Brighton Apple Shop. Unfortunately the inclement weather had postponed the visit which is now rescheduled for the 7th April 2014.

The Hon. Sec. reported that the committee were trying for the first time to set up distance based members to join the meeting via Apple Facetime. This was a possibility for overseas members and we would see how it performed.

(Although contact was made and video was transmitted, the sound would not work. The contact was broken. We believe it was a combination of low speed and too far from the speaker. We intend trying again)

The membership has remained fairly steady, perhaps with an upward trend. What is more important is the regular attendance of more than 30 members and in some instances upwards of 50 members and guests.

We held an 'open meeting' for members to bring their problems and/or hardware to the club meeting and various knowledgeable members would try to solve the problem. This received a very positive feedback and will be repeated this year.

There being no questions from the floor the acceptance of the report was proposed by Muriel Astley and seconded by Audrey Gray, and by a show of hands unanimously accepted.

Financial Report and Accounts.

The Hon. Treasurer, Brian Thompson, presented the accounts which had been approved by the Accounts Examiner, Peter Gregory. He explained that the need to have external speakers, ie non members, was placing a strain on the funds, but provided we kept attendance well above 30 it was possible to accommodate the increased costs. The accounts remained in a healthy condition with no action on fees or subscriptions required at the moment.

He reminded members that the costs associated with the recent repair to the projector (£180) would be charged against the 2014 accounts. However, he would be meeting with the Chairman of the Walberton Village Computer Club within the week on another matter and if possible he would request a contribution in accordance with our agreement.

(The Hon. Treasurer met with the Chairman of the Walberton Club and he agreed for their club to pay 1/3^d of the costs ie £60)

The Hon. Secretary requested that the Hon Treasurer's report be accepted and approved. This was proposed by Pat Beard and seconded by Mike Elliot and by a show of hands unanimously accepted and approved.

Election of Officers and Management Committee

The Honorary Secretary reported that there had been no nominations for the post of Chairman or the post of Hon. Secretary.

He was prepared to take nominations from the floor. There were none. The Hon Sec then proposed and suggested that he was prepared to continue in his present position, should the meeting approve, and similarly continue to act as Chairman. He further made it clear that it was his intention to be on holiday for the first three months of 2015 and he would not be available to manage that AGM and would present his report in writing. He further reported that he would not continue in any executive position beyond the next AGM. It was proposed by Paul Hayward and seconded by Pat Beard and agreed by acclamation that the Hon Secretary continue in his present roles for the coming year.

The Hon. Treasurer had previously reported that he would not be continuing after undertaking the task for three years. John Banks had volunteered to carry out the duties and in the absence of any other nomination, he was proposed for the post by Pat Beard and seconded by Mike Elliot and by a show of hands appointed by acclamation.

The Hon. Treasurer pointed out that it was necessary for the approved signatories on the club's cheques to be changed to reflect the change in personnel. The new list would comprise The Hon. Secretary, William Cutting; the Hon. Treasurer, John Banks and Brian Thompson.

Peter Gregory had indicated his willingness to continue as Accounts Examiner and this was agreed by acclamation.

Management Committee

Stuart Crump had resigned from the Committee due to pressure of work.

John Gilbert had been co-opted onto the Committee during the year.

The Hon. Secretary thanked all members of the committee for their hard work during the year, something that was essential for the smooth running of the club.

Pat Beard had indicated her willingness to continue for the current year but said she would not be seeking reappointment after the next AGM.

The remaining existing Committee Members were willing to continue. Brian Thompson, who has volunteered to manage the website, also agreed to continue. In the absence of any other nominations the Management Committee of Pat Beard, Mike Stanford, Richie Profit, Brian Thompson and John Gilbert were approved by acclamation.

Barbara Hunt had previously notified the Committee that she would not be continuing to manage the kitchen for the refreshments. The Hon. Secretary thanked Barbara for all the work she had done not only ensuring the smooth running of the kitchen for the coffee break, but also during the open evening and the other times when there was a more extended use made of the kitchen. He further requested a volunteer to take over these duties.

Any Other Business.

There was no other business and the Hon. Secretary declared the meeting closed.