

Buxted Bonfire Society 2019 AGM Public Meeting Minutes



Date: Monday 29th April 2019

Location: The Football Club, Buxted

Attendees: Debbie Elliott (DE) (Chair), Mick Gosden (Vice Chair) (MG), Sue Ovens (SO) (Secretary), Hayley Elliott (Social Media Publicist) (HE), Monica Ross (Costume Coordinator) (MR), Alex Butcher (Health and Safety) (AB), Kevin Clarke (KC), Angela Clarke (AC), Jan Hiscock (JH), Aaron Axford (AA), Sean Frizzell (SF), James Blackford (JB), Dave Elliott (DE), Sabrina Mudie (SM), Thelma Stiller (TS), Mark Rogers (MR),

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2018 AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report – (DE)
- 5.. Secretary's Report – (SO)
6. Treasurer's Report – (DE)
7. Elect an Auditor for the Company Accounts
8. Election of Officer Bearers
 - a) Chairman
 - b) Vice Chairman
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
 - e) Fundraising Lead
 - f) Social Media Lead
 - g) H & S Lead
 - h) Costumes Lead
9. Ratify the Society Subscription for the year 01/04/2020
10. AOB
11. Closure

Agenda Item Number	Description
1. Apologies	Rick Mudie, Guy Elliott, Clive Hiscock, Will Timlin, Emily Timlin, Jack Wright, Natalie Axford, Jim Ovens, Louise Gibbs, Mike Wise, Angela Elliott-Dickinson, Gemma Frizzell, Bob Stiller
2. Minutes of 2018 AGM	Debbie read out the previous AGM minutes which were unanimously approved
3. Matters arising	Alex wanted to point out that it was decided in 2018 to make BBS a Limited company in the interest of the members of the Society to limit each liability. Directors meetings forthwith will be transparent, open to suggestions/questions and be reported back upon. The forthcoming vote needs to be acted upon in the interest of the Society and not for personal reasons.
4.	Chairmans report read by DE
5.	Secretarys Report read by SO

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6.	<p>Treasurers Report read by DE. Companies House registration is complete Directors Mick Gosden, Alex Butcher, Debbie Elliott and Hayley Elliott Opening balance in bank and petty cash £4312.67</p>
7.	<p>Mick, as we are a Limited Company we need our accounts audited. Decision on auditor to be deferred until appointment of Treasurer. The status means that each member's liability is limited to £1</p>
8.	<p>a) Chairman Standing: Mick Gosden and Debbie Elliott In a secret ballot Mick Gosden was elected to the position. There were 12 proxy votes notified to the secretary</p> <p>b) Vice Chairman Standing: Hayley Elliott Proposed Kevin Clarke, Seconded Angela Clarke</p> <p>c) Secretary Standing : Vacant position</p> <p>d) Treasurer Standing: Sue Ovens Proposed Alex Butcher, Seconded Jan Hiscock</p> <p>e) Fundraising Lead Standing: Vacant Position</p> <p>f) Social Media Lead Standing: Tegan Gosden Proposed Sue Ovens, Seconded Hayley</p> <p>g) Health and Safety Lead Standing: Kevin Clarke Proposed Sue Ovens, Seconded Hayley Elliott</p> <p>h) CostumesTeam Standing: Jan Hiscock Proposed Mick Gosden Seconded Alex Butcher Monica Ross Proposed Mick Gosden Seconded Alex Butcher</p> <p>Supplementary: Fundraising Team Standing: Hayley Elliott Proposed Sue Ovens Seconded Jan Hiscock Angela Clarke Proposed Monica Ross Seconded Jan Hiscock Thelma Stiller Proposed Jan Hiscock Seconded Monica Ross</p>
9. Ratify Subs	<p>It was generally agreed to Collect 2020 subs from the end of March. The AGM to be at the end of April 2020, and by that date, all voting members must have re-joined. Hayley and Sabrina both suggested an increased rate for Family Membership to £30 pa. (HE and SM). Adult subs to remain at £12 (MG and KC) and individual child £6 (JH and MR)</p>
10 A.O.B.	<p>Alex proposed that in future monthly meetings should stick to a day per month. The second Monday of each month was agreed.</p> <p>Alex – currently there were 4 directors, it was agreed by the other Directors to invite the new Treasurer (SO) to join as a Director. Sue Ovens accepted.</p> <p>There followed a discussion about future Hosting. We are definitely moving closer, but more hands are needed and more funds (min £10,000).</p> <p>It was agreed that despite the public and most members being in favour of our preferred 'no-jumper' rule, we should still have some made available in order to encourage those who do not want to dress in costume. We need to make our Society as open to as many as possible.</p> <p>SO we have received invites to parade from some other societies, but so far have not responded to any. She will provide the list to MG and HE</p>
11. Closure	<p>The next monthly meeting is Monday 13th May</p>

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer's Reports to be attached.