

The Marlow Allotments Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting at 7.30 pm 25th October 2017 at 3 The Chase

Present - Officers: Chair – Denise Bagge, Secretary – Peter England, Treasurer – Maren Talbot

Members: Sylvia Miller, Bill Kilner Smith, Scott Pickard and Fred Tillier.

1. Apologies for absence: None
2. Minutes Secretary: SM volunteered to undertake the minutes.
3. Minutes of last meeting those present agreed the report was accurate.
4. Matters Arising from the minutes: BKS mentioned the water wastage problem this will be mentioned in the next newsletter.
5. Treasurers Report: MT reported the accounts for the current year, DB asked if the ratio of members to tenants could be supplied along with an estimate figure of potential members. PE questioned the total number of members in the report.
6. Waiting Lists: PE reported FP x21 with 3x vacant plot & HH x6 with 6x vacant plots.
7. AGM: PE is preparing the list for those wishing to be re-elected to the Committee along with Proposer & Secunder for each member, BKS, after many years on the Committee he has decided to stand down, the Chair thank him for all his years of service to MAA. PE will organise documents & collection of the Trophies & Certificates. The photography will be undertaken by SP, who will also man the attendance table. The membership tables will be managed by MT assisted by DB & SM. The key will be collected by DB on the day & the set up will start at 6.30, the furniture in the hall will be planned & organised by FT. A large number of seed catalogues available for distribution on the evening. Drinking water will be available but no hot refreshments.
8. Newsletter: PE reported that this is ready, some small changes were suggested regarding the AGM agenda & MAA website details
9. Playground Area: FP reported that the matter remains under discussion and Councillors have assured him they will update him with any decisions.
10. Event Insurance: DB proposed that this is put forward for voting by members at the AGM. SM suggested that next year MAA organise a number of Social Evenings to give tenants a chance to meet up & discuss any matters they wish with Committee members and other tenants. MT suggested that a guest speaker is also invited for part of the evening.
11. Website: SP supplied an overview which showed that there approx 50 hits per month of which 45% are new visitors. SM mentioned that new tenants get a lot of benefit and insight from this facility. SP plans to distribute a 'Tick List' to members at the AGM to research the uses & benefits of this by members.
12. AOB: SM advised that MTC have posted the details of funds paid towards the water levy, which after 2018 fees are paid will leave 2.5 years to clear the balance.

Meeting closed by DB @ 9.15pm, next meeting 7.30pm 10th January 2018 @ 3, The Chase.