

The International Badgers Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting **Saturday 1st March 2003**

Held at the International Centre, Gilwell Park, at 3.00 p.m.

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He recognised members from Belgium, Denmark, France, Hong Kong, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Sweden and the United States. He invited the members to stand for one minute's silence in memory of those members who were no longer with us, breaking with tradition and mentioning in particular the loss of our President, Peter Berry.

2. Apologies

These were received from Prince Joshua Awogbade, Penny and Lawrence Bell-Wright, Brian Billington, Tony Clarke, John Clegg, Bob Falconer, John Farrow, Dave Gardner, Sue Halliwell, Steve Harris, Simon Pattrick, Roy Peach, Chris Wanley, Robin Woodruff, Angie and Ken Waters.

3. Approval of the 2002 A.G.M. Minutes

These had been circulated with the May 2002 magazine and with the A.G.M. booklet. Approval proposed by Kelvin Britton Seconded by Peter Symmans and carried.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Acceptance of the Annual Report

Proposed by Dick Parrott Seconded by Vic Bensilum and carried.

6. Financial Report

Copies of the Report were available at the meeting. The Treasurer highlighted aspects of the report and invited questions. None was forthcoming. The Account had been audited.

Approval proposed by Peter Maryniak Seconded by John Morton and carried.

7. Appointment of Officers

General Secretary: Peter Ford elected unopposed for a three year term.

Cataloguer: Robin Woodruff elected unopposed for a three year term.

Membership Secretary: David Marsh elected unopposed for the remaining two-year term.

8. Election of Life Members

John Cheek Proposed by Dick Parrott Seconded by Brian Gyngell and carried.

9. Appointment of Auditor

Geraint Phillips Proposed by Robert Bailey Seconded by David Swindells and carried

10. Appointment of Returning Officers

Nominees: Brian Billington and Dave Gardner

Proposed by Dick Parrott Seconded by John Jenkins and carried.

11. Amendments to the Constitution

Details of the proposed amendments had been circulated to the membership, giving the required ten weeks notice before the AGM. The Chairman explained that the measures were designed to overcome the problem of recruiting a Guide Co-ordinator. The word "she" to be removed from the proposed wording of Section 10.6 to avoid sexism.

Approval Proposed by Edna Britton Seconded by Peter Maryniak and carried.

12. Presentations

This year the judges were Peter Beilak and Paul Moynihan.

Before the presentations, Peter Jackson thanked the judges, who had a difficult task.

The results were as follows:

Junior Members			
Gold Medal	Ships	28/02J	William Cudmore
Silver Medal	Brownsea Beginnings	9290F/J	Mark Swindells

Over 5 years Membership			
Gold Medal	The Australian Connection	895	Anne Bickle
Silver Medal	The Scout County of Yorkshire	21/89	Alan Coupe
Bronze Medal	Thank You	12/00	Kelvin Holford

The medals were presented by Mike Breakwell.

Jean Phipps and Dick Parrott were presented with a Certificates of Merit for outstanding services to the Club.

13. Any Other Business

a) Gilwell Reunion

Peter Jackson invited members to provide a display for the marquee.

a) Easter Reunion 2004

It was announced that indoor accommodation had been booked at Gloucestershire's County site at Cranham.

1. Date of Next Meeting

Saturday, 6th March 2004