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Minutes of AGM: Staines Rugby Club

9th August 2008

Chairman: Mr Keith Hitchman
Chairman Of Meetings: Mr Christopher Hill
Members Secretary: Mr Ian Dalton
Minutes Secretary: Miss Mel Carter
Treasurer: Mrs Pat Johnston

Minutes of meeting 9 August 2008 at Staines Rugby Club at 7.30 pm

Present Helen, Terry, Tim, Julie, Keith, Chris, Lorraine, Mike, Julie, Clive and Mel.

Apologies Dawn, Pat & Colin.

Matters Arising from Last Meeting:

1. Minutes of last meeting circulated.
2. Posts still not completed. The council has agreed to put up a new gate.
3. Toilet still not completed and requires a 12 volt fan to be installed
4. Allotment officer is not yet in place
5. Compost – CIP are no longer doing bulk deliveries nor bulk orders of small bags believed to be 7/ 11kg. Keith asked that if anyone could find out who does bulk deliveries and let him know via Email. A bulk order would then be place early 2009.
6. A lightweight strimmer as agreed has yet to be purchased.
7. Seed Catalogues – Keith is waiting for the Mr Fothergill catalogues to arrive which should be soon then will distribute all catalogues to those interested
8. Rotovator has yet to be serviced. Thompson's has been discounted, as members have not had good service for other equipment. Chris suggested Doe & Co, which Keith will investigate.
9. A number of wheelbarrows have gone missing, it is believed these are being borrowed and not returned to their owners / plots.
10. A trailer has been left between the Porta cabin and the toilet. If we can identify the owner they will be asked to remove it. There has also been a bath, washing machine & fridge left, again if we can identify the owner they will be asked to dispose of them elsewhere.
11. The Bonfire and fireworks had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.
- 12.. Self-management – Hounslow magazine quoted Snakey Lane allotments where interested in Self-management. Chris read the article to the meeting. The council has not yet contacted Keith regarding this. Neither Keith nor Chris are in favour of this. It would mean that we would have to run everything ourselves and would involve water rates, Liability insurance, maintaining perimeter fences, collecting monies for plots etc. This would be a lot of extra work for all involved. The council would put more onus on the association however their full intentions are not known at this time. The accounts already have 20+ items to manage and this would increase substantially if self managed. It was agreed that partial self-management as at present was preferred. If as stated by the council an allotment officer were appointed this would be helpful with liasing with people who are not working their plots.
13. Motion that Keith would contact the council to state we are not considering full self management at present proposed by Chris seconded by Mel carried unanimously.

14. As we were the first association formed it is believed this is where the idea we wish to be fully Self-managed has arisen. Keith and Chris have been contacted in the past for advice when new associations have been formed locally.
- 15.. Copies of the accounts were circulated reviewed by Julie Hitchman. Motion we agree the accounts - Mike proposed, Lorraine seconded carried unanimously. The balance of funds to be used for the community plot.
- 16.. Keith requested that ideas of what people wanted for the community plot were forwarded to him via Email. E.G. a shed / pavilion etc.
- 17.. Review of the year by Keith. Keith thanked everyone for their work and support. The road completion has improved the site greatly. Despite his earlier reservations about the pond, gave his thanks to Chris' efforts, it is looking good and is an asset to the site. We successfully achieved all goals with the exception of the toilet. Hopefully we will not need so much cleaning next year, but still need to be watchful of items being dumped and by whom and try and put a stop to it. The social events all went well particularly the prize giving. Special thanks to Julie for the prizes. Chris thanked Julie and Keith for all their hard work at these events.
- 18.. an has proposed that membership should be per plot rather than individual as some people have more than one plot. Keith proposed this in Ian's absence, Tim seconded. 10 for one against being Keith. Motion carried
- 19.. Mike proposed a block vote of standing committee members to remain in place. However in accordance with the rules individual votes were agreed upon.
- 20.. Minimum five standing members with two lay members to conform to regulations agreed.
- 21.. Elections. Chairman – Keith Hitchman. Mike proposed Terry seconded Carried unanimously.
Chairman of Meeting – Chris Hill Julie proposed. Mike seconded carried unanimously.
Members secretary – Ian Dalton Keith Proposed Lorraine seconded 10 for one against being Chris motion carried.
Minute's secretary – Mel Carter Julie proposed, Lorraine seconded carried unanimously.
Treasurer – Pat Johnston Mike Proposed, Chris seconded carried unanimously.
IT consultant – Colin Botwright Proposed Helen, Seconded Terry carried unanimously.
Lay member – Mike Cogan Proposed Chris, seconded Mel Carried unanimously.
22. Christmas social confirmed as 2nd December at Staines Rugby club. Everyone to bring a contribution of food. Chris suggested he could donate some wine for a raffle.

Next meeting date: Tuesday 10th February 2009, 7:30pm Staines Rugby Club.

Meeting closed.