

Minutes of AGM: Staines Rugby Club

18th March 2010

Chairman: Mr Keith Hitchman
Acting Chairman of Meeting: Mr Keith Hitchman
Members Secretary: Mr Ian Dalton
Minutes Secretary: Miss Mel Carter
Treasurer: Mrs Pat Johnston

Minutes of meeting 27th April 2010 at Staines Rugby Club 7:30pm

Present Present: Keith, Lorraine, Mike, Helen, Terry, Ian, Colin, Dawn, Pat, Alex & Mel

Apologies Gordon & Tim

Matters Arising from Last Meeting:

1. Minutes of last meeting circulated.
2. Forum – Dawn has set up a Google group & Colin has put a link on the website, as before anyone wanting to add anything to the website can Email Colin.
3. A new plot holder has been questioning his plot location and wanted to speak to Keith, he has been advised to take any issues up directly with Prabha.
4. 50 Gallon containers - A supply of 50 gallon containers has been offered free of charge, Keith has spoken to supplier who will deliver when he can. Ian Proposed a donation of £2.00 per container, Terry seconded and was carried unanimously. Keith will arrange to be on site when delivery is made and will place on plots. A list will be posted on both the website & the notice board so anyone interested can put their name down.
5. Clean up day didn't happen. A notice will be put up for an evening when the lane & entrance shrubbery can be cut back.
6. Many comments were made about the speed that some people are driving through the site and the amount of dust it throws up particularly as it's been dry. Colin will make some signs saying the limit is 5MPH in the hope it will slow people down. It was also agreed that we should all at least close the gate behind us.
7. People who may not be entitled to them have keys to the containers, i.e. haven't paid a deposit. This may also apply to gate keys. Keith will investigate the cost of security keys (that can't be copied), and a main key holder will be nominated per container to ensure only authorised people have keys.
8. Open Day / Social Day – Keith proposed new date of 20th June, Terry seconded carried unanimously. The next meeting will be two weeks prior to agree jobs, a possible plant swap, Bar-B-Q.etc
9. Prize day – Entries for all categories to be made before closing date of 12th August. Forms will be provided on notice board with details of where they should be returned to, entry will also be available via the website.
10. Accounts were circulated. It was suggested that our membership fees are increased to at least cover the NSALG membership fee. Last years subs raised £33.00 against NSALGM membership of £44.00. Keith proposed we stayed at per plot with an increase to £2.00 Terry seconded carried unanimously. It was noted that again no admin charges were incurred for the accounts or for calls etc. Lorraine proposed that we agree the accounts Terry seconded and was carried unanimously. The account stands at £6,133.27 and as we are a non-profit organisation it was decided we should purchase extra equipment. Ian will look at small Rotavators / Tillers and have three proposals for the next meeting. Alex will look at petrol / manual

lawn mowers and again have three proposals for the next meeting. Mel advised that Franchi – Seeds of Italy do talks to allotment groups and will find out costs etc to discuss at next meeting.

11. NSALG – Mel proposed we continued our membership, Terry seconded carried unanimously
12. Rolls for committee – Keith gets a lot of enquiries via the web site that take up a lot of time. The following rolls will be discussed and appointments made at the next meeting: Chairman, Minutes Secretary, Treasurer, Members Secretary, Equipment Hire co-ordinator, Marketing & Communications officer & two Key Holders (one for each container).
13. Keith is arranging some cattle style fencing for around the pond, it comes on a roll including stakes about 3½ feet high. This will cost approximately £200.00
14. Tony has volunteered to manage the pond area and has suggested he grasses around the pond. Keith proposed we agree in principle pending Tony submitting plans, Terry seconded carried unanimously.
15. Fence backing on to park. The fence backing on to the park needs to be repaired; the council and Laings are disputing responsibility. The Police are requesting that the council repair it to try and cut crime on the site. We need to put a barrier on our side, if any one can do a temporary fix they should. Colin will look into the prices of some spiky plants to be discussed next meeting.
16. Seed catalogues. We will not be using Thompson & Morgan in future as they were too unreliable. Potatoes will not be available either.
17. Faggs Road allotments are now being regenerated, possibly as a community farm. They are getting people into give talks etc, Keith will try and get details of any we may be able to attend.

Next meeting date: AGM Tuesday 8th June 2010, 7:30pm Staines Rugby Club.

Meeting closed.