



**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING held
at 2pm, 28th June 2017,
Sevenoaks Community Centre**

There being a quorum of 110 persons the Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all those present.

1. Apologies for Absence: Apologies had been received from: Geoff Howson, Pamela Rebar, Judy and Charles Hebert, John and Sue Christy, Paul and Pam

Dunn, Bryan and Diane Richardson, Derek Childs, Chris and Mary Streets, Sally Candlin and Patrick Pascall.

2. Minutes of the AGM held 22nd June 2016: The Minutes were approved by the meeting on a show of hands (proposed: Richard Baxter, seconded: Susan Henson).

3. Matters arising from the Minutes: There were no matters arising.

4. Trustees' Report: The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Trustees' written report had been circulated to members with the June Newsletter, both paper and electronic versions. He asked if there were any comments or questions arising from the Report. There being none, the Report was approved on a show of hands (proposed: Roy Williams, seconded: John Fry).

5. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented the Report and the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017. The Report and Accounts had been circulated to members with the June Newsletter and the Treasurer apologized for the small typing error that had occurred. He made the following points in relation to the accounts: there was a small surplus of £2,700 due to an increase in subscriptions, which would be evened out in subsequent years.

The Chairman expressed his thanks for the Report to Brian Cairnie, who was retiring as Treasurer, and for his work on the EC during his period in office. He also thanked Richard Baxter for acting as Independent Examiner of the accounts.

There being no questions, approval of the annual accounts was proposed by Roy Walker, seconded by John Eastwood, and approved on a show of hands.

6. Re-election of Trustees:

Member of the Executive Committee are nominated to stand as Trustees for two years. The following

members offered themselves for re-election: Jim Purves had been nominated as Chairman by Arthur Russ and seconded by Pat Wells; Jim's appointment was approved on a show of hands.

Nicholas White had been nominated as Vice Chairman and Organiser of Monthly Meetings by Patrick Pascall and seconded by David Green. Nick's appointment was approved on a show of hands.

Susan Henson was nominated as Group Development Coordinator by Di Latter and seconded by Elizabeth Purves; Susan's appointment was approved on a show of hands.

Pamela Walshe had been nominated as Chair of the Social Committee by Merilyn Canet and seconded by Rosina Cole; Pam's appointment was approved on a

show of hands.

7. Election of Treasurer: The Chairman reported that

John Fry had been nominated for this role; proposed Antonia Backhouse, seconded Barbara Chinner. John's appointment was approved on a show of hands.

8. Election of Chairman of Communications Committee: The Chairman reported that David Taylor had been nominated for this role; proposed Pamela Murphy, seconded Jack Parker. David's appointment was approved on a show of hands.

9. Election of External Affairs Coordinator: there being no nomination for this post, Jim said it would be filled under section 6vii of the Constitution when a candidate is identified. He encouraged those at the meeting to offer or to suggest others who might volunteer for this position.

10. Appointment of Independent Examiner: Richard Baxter had agreed to act again as Independent Examiner; his appointment for one year was approved by the meeting.

The Chairman expressed his warm thanks to all Committee Members and to members who work behind the scenes in unnamed roles, to all Group Organisers and volunteers, as well as those who helped at a technical level; and to members who were stepping down from committees.

11. Any other business:

A member of the audience stood up to offer a vote of thanks to members of the Executive Committee for their work during the year; there was a round of applause. There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2.16pm.

110 members attended the AGM

Following the AGM, there was a talk by Tom Way on "Wildlife Photography".

Prior to introducing the Speaker, Nick White said Di Latta had so few people willing to make cakes and biscuits for Monthly Meeting that the decision had been made for them to be purchased and they would be brought in. Helpers would still be needed to set up, serve and clear up.