



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the New Forest Agricultural Show Society will be held on **Wednesday 1st April 2020** at **7.00pm** at **Brockenhurst Village Hall, Highwood Road, Brockenhurst, SO42 7RY.**

A G E N D A

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6. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT**
7. **CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT** of the **DIRECTORS** and **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** for the period 1st November 2018 to 31st October 2019
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 2019
at 7pm at Brockenhurst Village Hall, Brockenhurst

A minute's silence was held for members of the Society who had sadly passed away during the year.

PRESENT: Chairman: C Whitlock (CW); **President:** O Crosthwaite-Eyre (OCE); **President Elect:** Lord Montagu of Beaulieu (LMB); **Past Presidents:** C Bowring (CB), Miss G Meaden (GM), Mr & Mrs G Morgan (GMN & JM), **Vice Presidents:** B Dobson-Spink (BDS), J Dolbear (JD), Mr & Mrs J Fooks (JNF & JF), J Rees (JR), and J Woolcott (JW); **Directors:** Mrs A Jennings, (AJ) A Lawford (AL), M Stewart (MST); M Smales (MSS) Mrs H Long (HL), Mrs K Slocombe (KS), **Council:** P Atyeo (PA), P Bailey (PB), S Dovey (SD), Mrs L Lang (LL), R Morgan (RM), S Morgan (SM), J Penney (JP), B Rickman (BR), and Mrs P Wyeth **Committee Chairmen & Section Heads:** O Cook (OC), D Humbert (DH), Mrs J Humbert (JH), B Ingram (BI), Mrs S Polton (SP), and Mr & Mrs P James (PFJ); **Members:** Mr D Bennett, Mr D Burden (DB), Mrs C Evans, Mrs P Dobson-Spink, J Korbey, E Levett, Mr I Petty, Capt & Mrs J Styles and Mrs L Thornber,

1. **NOTICE** convening the meeting was read by the Show Secretary
2. **APOLOGIES for absence:** were received from: **Past Presidents:** The Very Revd James Atwell, Mr & Mrs R Ford (RF & MF), M Richards (MR); Lord Wakeham; **Vice Presidents:** Mr K Bloodworth, Mr B Cole; **Directors:** Earl of Malmesbury **Council Members** Mrs J Dixon-Clegg, **Committee Chairmen & Section Heads:** Mrs J Bessant, Mr E Godwin, Mr R Gouldie, Mrs J Harvey, Mrs S Hunt, Mr R Lakey, Ms Emma Le Hurray, Mr B Pass, Mrs P Slade Mr A Waight **Society Members:** Mr & Mrs W J M Howard, Mr P Jackson and Mr M Saunders.
3. **MINUTES** of the Annual General Meeting of the New Forest Agricultural Show Society held on Wednesday 14th March 2018 had been circulated to Members in the Annual Report prior to the meeting and were taken as read. There were no matters arising. The minutes were proposed by JH and seconded by KS and it was unanimously agreed that the minutes be approved as a correct record of the meeting.
4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2018** had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and was taken as read. The Chairman invited questions on the Report, but none were forthcoming. The Chairman's Report was proposed by MST seconded by MSS and it was unanimously agreed that the Chairman's Report be adopted.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT 2018** had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and was taken as read. The Chairman invited questions on the Report but none were forthcoming. The Treasurer's Report was proposed by DH seconded by JH and it was unanimously agreed that the Treasurer's Report be adopted.
6. **SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT 2018** had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and was taken as read. The Chairman invited questions on the Report but none were forthcoming. The Show Secretary's Report was proposed by GMN seconded by MSS and it was unanimously agreed that the Show Secretary's Report be adopted.
7. **REPORT of the DIRECTORS and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** The Chairman referred to the Report of the Directors and Financial Statements for the period 1st October 2017 to 31st October 2018. The Report of the Directors and Financial Statements was proposed by MSS seconded by KS and it was unanimously agreed that both Reports be adopted.
8. **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT:** CW called upon Mr D Humbert to propose the vote of thanks to the retiring President. DH was delighted to propose the vote of thanks to the retiring President Mr Oliver Crosthwaite-Eyre. DH added that it was evident from OCE reaction of his delight and interest in all he saw at the sections that he had enjoyed himself. The winning of the Presidents Cup by the WI was popular and despite the only rain fall occurring at the President's Farewell it did not appear to dull the enjoyment. DH thanked him very much on behalf of everyone. CW presented a photograph album to OCE as a keepsake from his Presidency.

OCE replied by saying he felt it was him who should be thanking the Show. It had been a great honour to be President which allowed him the opportunity to see each Section and to understand the work and great enthusiasm that goes into the preparation of the Show. He had a warm welcome at every Section and being President was a privilege which he knew the new President will enjoy as much as he had.

9. ELECTION OF SOCIETY OFFICERS:

- (a) **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD RETIRING & THOSE WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR RE-ELECTION:** The Show Secretary read out the names of Board Members due to retire and wishing to be considered for re-election to the Board: C A Whitlock and M Stewart. KS proposed that they be re-elected to the Board en bloc, this was seconded by HL with a unanimous vote in favour of their election.
- (b) **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD – ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:** Alex Jennings proposed that Mr Derek Burden be elected as a member of the Board. AJ explained that Mr Burden was the Financial Director of Stewarts who enjoyed sums and analysis of figures and someone who would be an asset to the Society. The proposal was seconded by DH with a unanimous vote in favour.
- (c) **PRESIDENT FOR 2019:** The Chairman called upon Aaron Lawford to propose that Lord Montagu of Beaulieu be elected as the Society's President for 2019. AL replied that it gave him great pleasure to propose Lord Montagu as the Society's President for 2019. Lord Montagu needed no introduction as 4th Baron of the Beaulieu Estate He is also the President of the Solent Protection Society, a Governor of Walhampton School, a Director of Beaulieu Enterprises Ltd, and a trustee of the National Motor Museum Trust, the Countryside Education Trust and the Hampshire Archives Trust. This proposal was seconded by MST with a unanimous vote in favour.
- LMB responded by thanking everyone for choosing him as the Society's President for the 99th year following OCE who had clearly enjoyed his year as President. He spoke of many members remembering when his Mother was President and was pleased to be continuing this family tradition, adding that his Grandmother had held the position too. LMB thanked everyone and looked forward to the year ahead being a joyous one with the hope that the Show is able to touch each visitor and enable them to leave with a little more knowledge of the New Forest.
- (d) **CHAIRMAN:** The Show Secretary called upon CW to propose that Martin Stewart be elected as Chairman of the Society for the next five years. CW explained that MST was a perfect choice with his deep understanding and respect of the Show and volunteers. He is a very successful business man with boundless energy and also enjoys analysing figures.
- OCE presented CW with a bronze statue of two deer from the Society as a gift by way of thanking him for his enthusiasm, leadership and time involved with the Society as Chairman. He was also presented with a celebration cake. CW thanked everyone for his gift and cake.
- MST responded by explaining it was an honour and privilege to be involved at the Show with Stewarts for the past 18 years. There are many similarities between the two as both have a long history, are friendly with a small staff represented by front line people. The Society's Council is similar to taking advice from village elders and then appear from out the woods 400 volunteers who teach with great enthusiasm within their sections. As families fight the digital menace the Show sections should push their educational skills and he will be introducing an award for the best educational section this year. The Society face financial pressure yet every stone has been turned to ensure financial stability. Some visitors have said there is too much of the same thing, others there are too many changes but we must remain relevant and remember no one has the divine right to be here. MST concluded by expressing his thanks for the warm welcome and wished to move forward to learn from the past and preserve the future.
- This proposal was seconded by BW with a unanimous vote in favour.
- (e) **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Mr Chris Whitlock called upon Martin Stewart to propose that Aaron Lawford be elected as Vice Chairman of the Society for 2019. MST explained that it gave him great pleasure to propose AL whose involvement with the Show running the Fun Factory gives him a firm base from which to form his background in the Show. AL runs his own management company and has always lived in the New Forest. His expertise has already helped the Society and working together with him will ensure continuity for the future. This proposal was seconded by DB with a unanimous vote in favour.
- (f) **TREASURER:** Alex Jennings proposed that Derek Burden be elected as Treasurer of the Society for 2019. This proposal was seconded by AL with a unanimous vote in favour.
- DB explained he and MST had worked together over the past 35 years as his financial director and will together strive to make the show more profitable.

9. **SOCIETY AUDITORS:** The Chairman called upon Mike Smales to propose that Fiander Tovell LLP be re-appointed the Society's Auditors at a fee to be agreed by the Board. MSS was pleased to propose that Fiander Tovell remain as the Society's Auditors for 2019 at a fee agreed by the Board, this proposal was seconded by DH with a unanimous vote in favour.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- 10.1 CW reported on the last Board Meeting decision to reflect Denis Dooley's position in the Society and to be in line with other Show Associations he was given the title Chief Executive.
- 10.2 The Chief Executive read the following statement 'May I remind Board Members that the New Forest & Hampshire County Show helps raise funds to support the New Forest Agricultural Show Society and other local and national charitable organizations and that the New Forest Agricultural Show Society is a private company limited by guarantee.'
- The Chief Executive gave a presentation to the members reflecting changes and developments of the Show, Society and New Park as follows:

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- Update of contractors to include Bradsons car parking, new designer for marketing material, ticket gate checking and new groundsmen Neil Mansfield and Marty Meaker.
- The Show will have a new Music Zone and a Canine arena to include fly ball, dog agility and dog show. The National Vegetable Society are holding their National Show here. The Antique Tent is returning and currently the Business Village is being reviewed.
- Membership is slightly down on this time last year.
- Advertising - The new leaflet has been designed and Ringwood Brewery are producing Beer mats for the Show. New Roadside boards sites are always welcomed.
- Budgets were reviewed last year and a saving of £100,000 was made with provisional budgets set for 2019.
- Long Meadow campsite has new wardens and currently £12,000 ahead of the income budget.
- The Holiday Cottage Number 1 New Park, is £10,000 ahead of income budget
- The Samantha and Florence Bailey Bursary was launched at the Show and will help educate young adults in agriculture. The income is through three main streams, the revenue from children tickets, sponsorship and traders. The hope is to raise enough money to be able fund one student at agricultural college for three years.
There will be a quiz on Saturday 29th June to raise funds and more details will be sent out.
- 2020 will be the centenary and Nick Saunders our historian would appreciate any memorabilia from 1930 to 1970.

10.4 John Korbey advised the meeting of the RABI 'One Foot in the Furrow' social gathering.

With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.