

**Minutes of the 70th ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of WORTHING ALLOTMENTS AND
GARDENS ASSOCIATION
held at Chesswood Junior School on
Wednesday 21st NOVEMBER 2018
at 7.30 p.m.**

35 Members attended with apologies from Paul Eustice, Robin Chapman, Janet Robbins, Graham North, John and Sarah Scrace, Kathy Allan, Tony and Jenny Zasikowska-French, Cathran Smith.

President's Welcome

Terry Edwards welcomed all those attending. Thanks were given to all those who volunteer in the shops & at the annual show, and to those who are members of the Committee.

Special mention was made of Arthur Burt – our former President – who had sadly passed away since our last AGM.

Apologies, Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as an accurate record.

Proposed: Terry Edwards, Seconded: Jack Powis.

Chair's Report

Proposal: That we accept the constitution amendments

Proposed: Richard Taylor, Seconded: Ann Peters

A vote was taken 17 for and 6 against so the change was approved.

6. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall be President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Secretary and Trading Secretary.

Whenever possible, either Chair or Secretary should not be a WAM committee member.

(Reason for this change: So that either WAGA's Chair or Secretary can act as an unbiassed ombudsman on any WAM complaint hearings such as notice to Quit (NTQ).

Secretary's and Acting Treasurers Report

Daryl Alden mentioned that Graham Strong our Treasurer had passed away this year. Nahil Schofield was also mentioned, who was briefly our Social Secretary this year but unfortunately was unable to continue in the role.

Angie Hewitt has taken on the bookkeeper's role and will be dealing with all expense claims and the inputting of invoices to our accounting system.

The accounts were presented and are attached in appendix 1.

A request was made for anybody who may be able to audit our accounts.

Richard Taylor commented that accounts only need to be checked not fully audited.

Trading Secretary's Report

Proposal: That WAGA spend £3000 to bring the Chesswood Shop to the same standard as West Tarring and Humber.

Ken Wilson questioned whether a container is really necessary and was concerned that parking near the disabled beds would be lost.

Peter Hannam: observed that WAM needed to know as soon as possible if the container was going ahead as it affected the plans for the social plot and the disabled parking area.

Chris Owen commented that he was happy with the existing garage and felt more time should be spent building up the community before making a decision, he also suggested that the shop could be opened mid-week.

There were 5 Chesswood members present and a show of hands was requested, for and against the new shop. 2 for, 3 against.

A show of hands was requested from all members to determine if WAGA should fund the shop. This was strongly in favor.

It was concluded that a decision could not be made for or against progressing with the new shop based on 5 votes of the possible 109 Chesswood WAGA members.

The issue should be returned to the committee for further discussion.

Show Secretary's Report

Jack made the following comments:

Next year's show is set for **Saturday 31st August**

Despite the cold Spring and the long drought which decimated many other shows, we had the most entries of fruit and vegetables since he started making comparisons ten years ago. There were also plenty of children's entries which is very pleasing.

We still need more members and their families to attend to cover the costs of running this big event. It would be good to see more entries in the novice section which is there to give newcomers an easy way into the fun of showing.

We also need more entries in the flower sections. I know there are plenty of members growing flowers in their gardens or on their allotments and pot plants indoors, so please be generous and share them with us.

The other area we need to work on are the sales stalls which add an extra dimension to the show and give the visitors more opportunity to spend their time and money. We will be looking for people to help develop this area, find people wanting to sell their wares or display their interests as well as donating cakes for the cake stall and produce for the produce stall. All this needs help with ideas and we are looking for more members to come forward and make this great event even better.

Bob Bingham asked if we could email everybody about the Show. We already do that to all members, but we will consider other advertising opportunities such as Facebook and the local printed Newspapers and Journals.

Richard Taylor asked if all the shops could be closed on the day of the Show.

Membership Secretary's Report

Because we have changed the date when membership expires, new membership cards have been printed and these will be supplied as people renew their WAGA membership. Renewals start in January and the expiry date is now the 30th of April. A breakdown of current membership was requested and it is listed in the table below.

Current WAGA Allotment Members by Site 1 Dec 2018									
	W/T	Humber	St And	GVA	CWF	Hillbarn	Dom	Haynes	
WAGA	273	90	8	8	109	6	12	9	515
All Tenants	368	100	23	26	247	19	39	20	842
% WAGA	74	90	35	31	44	32	31	45	
Potential Members	95	10	15	18	138	13	27	11	327

Note: Humber Tennants are estimated

The total number of WAGA members including people without an allotment is 542. Last year the membership stood at 603.

Election of Committee Members

There were no nominations for new committee members, so the members listed below were proposed by Ken Wilson and Seconded by Colin Mullholand.

The Treasurer and Social Secretary positions are still vacant.

Hon President	Terry Edwards
Chair	Ian Dunster (Director WAGA Ltd)
Secretary and Acting Treasurer	Daryl Alden (Director WAGA Ltd)
Trading Secretary	Janet Robins (Director WAGA Ltd)
Show Secretary	Jack Powis
Membership Sec	Margo Hollingdale
Social Secretary	vacant
Webmaster and Newsletter Editor	Dean Millis
Bookkeeper	Angie Hewitt
Special Projects	Robin Chapman
Special Projects (Humber)	Dave Tucker
Chesswood Shop Rep	Richard Lawson
Humber Shop Rep	Ann Peters
Humber Overseer	Graham North

President's Cup

The Presidents cup was awarded to Daryl Alden

Any Other Business

Derek Lethby asked:

- Where is the apple press located? Answer: West Tarring
- Can Ericaceous compost be held at Chesswood Answer from Janet Robins:Yes

A request was made for the Agenda of the current AGM and the minutes of the previous AGM to be made available a week before next years AGM.

Meeting closed 8:55 p.m.

Appendix 1

WAGA Accumulated Fund at 30th September 2018

Balance brought forward		16,760.65	
Surplus for the year (Without Stock Adjustment)		-1,426.86	
Change in Stock Value		1,745.43	
Adjusted Asset value		2,727.72	
		£19,806.94	
Represented by:		2017-2018	2016-2017
Bank Account (30th Sep)	Current Account	9,101.88	11,235.99
Petty Cash		0.00	0.00
Cash in Tills	West Tarring	40.00	40.00
	Chesswood	40.00	40.00
	Humber	40.00	40.00
		120.00	120.00
Stock at Cost Price	West Tarring	3,148.03	2,844.33
	Chesswood	3,170.93	1,812.13
	Humber	1,707.57	1,624.64
		8,026.53	6,281.10
Fargro Shares		220.00	220.00
Creditors and Debtors		-389.19	-1,096.44
Assets	Office Equipment	932.72	
	Buildings	1,350.00	
	Machinery	445.00	
		2,727.72	0.00
Total Assets		£19,806.94	£16,760.65