

THE SURREY & HAMPSHIRE CANAL SOCIETY LIMITED

Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting of The Surrey & Hampshire Canal Society Limited held at The Canal Centre, Mytchett.

Chaired by Tim & Liz Dodwell

61 members in attendance

Welcome to the visiting boaters from Cotswold Canal Cruising Club, Byfleet Boat Club & others

1. Apologies for absence: M.Elder; N.Searle; C.Hunter;D.Paine; J&G Moore.

2. Chairmans Report.

Ian Moore gave an overview of the key issues for the Society since the last AGM, together with thanks to members & volunteers. These include:-

- ~ The adoption of 'Keeping the Canal Alive & Vibrant' theme
- ~ Thankfully no HSE incidents to report
- ~ The formal opening of Holland Moorings at Farnborough Road
- ~ Provision of new Information Boards
- ~ A return to profit for boat trips post-Covid
- ~ Considerable work on a revision and update of the Society Articles (special thanks to M.Leech)
- ~ Kitty II electric boat fundraising progress (special thanks to G.Gale)
- ~ Archive review, including plans for a virtual museum
- ~ Future plans for much needed spot dredging
- ~ Ongoing membership and lobbying drives
- ~ Introduction of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BCA to foster closer ties
- ~ Working party projects including at Colt Hill
- ~ Continuing improvements to the website and social media

Q -from member Mike Tomlinson relating to bank charges- David Wall (Treasurer) explained these become unavoidable but are minimised by careful use of bank accounts, using PayPal and Stripe; investment interest earned is reduced in line with economic circumstances.

3. Approvals.

(All supported by documentation presented prior to the meeting and available on the Society website)

~ Approval of the Minutes from the AGM for 2021 held on 2nd September 2021.

Noted and agreed, then signed off by T Dodwell.

~ the Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Noted and agreed – Mike Tomlinson & Terry Inskip proposer & seconder.

~ To reappoint Barnbrook Sinclair LLP as Independent Examining Accountants

Noted and agreed – Graham Corser & Roger Cansdale proposer & seconder.

4. Election of the members of the Committee (Board of Directors) for the year 2022/3.

The following members were duly elected. Andy Beale & Ann Paine proposer & seconder.

Tony Balch	Philip Riley
Janet Buckley	Ken Sankey
Celia Griffiths	Neil Sutherland
Chris Hunter	John Turner
Ian Moore	Simon Tudor
Kevin Redway	David Wall

5. Special Resolutions (each requiring and duly receiving a 75% majority vote).

~ THAT the registered name of the Company be changed to “The Basingstoke Canal Society”
Tim Dodwell & Verna Smith proposer & seconder.

~ THAT with effect from the conclusion of the meeting the draft Articles of Association Version 6a (as amended) be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the Company’s existing Articles of Association (which include the relevant provisions of the Company’s original Memorandum of Association pursuant to Section 28 Companies Act 2006)

Tim Dodwell & Simon Tudor proposer & seconder.

6. Any Other Business.

~ Liz Dodwell thanked all attendees and noted what a pleasure it had been to arrive at the event by boat. In addition, thanks and welcome to visiting boaters and especially also to Heather Sloan for organizing the 30th anniversary event.

~ It was announced that The Robin Higgs Trophy would be awarded to Dick King.

~ The Dieter Jebens Photography trophy was awarded to Duncan Paine and in his absence presented to his wife Ann (with best wishes for his speedy recovery).

~ The Cotswold Canal Cruising Club made a very entertaining presentation and presented a plaque.

DATE OF NEXT AGM – SATURDAY 13TH MAY 2023 (provisional – TBC)

