

THE BASINGSTOKE CANAL SOCIETY

**Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting of The Basingstoke Canal Society
(was The Surrey and Hampshire Canal Society Limited) held at The Canal
Centre, Mytchett.**

Saturday 29th April 2023 at 5pm

Chaired by Tim & Liz Dodwell

47 members in attendance

1. Presidents Welcome and apologies for absence (David & Rosemary Millet – noted hope for improved health and return to 2024 AGM; subsequent Terry and Peter Inskip).

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:-

- ~ Boat usage and continuing good Health & Safety record, no incidents.
- ~ Revenue improvements in 2022 post Covid
- ~ Tilley Award for Surrey police working in conjunction with BCS and others along canal in Woking
- ~ BCS involvement in Mace review of future canal funding
- ~ Continuing working relationships with BCA and others
- ~ BCS contributions for purchase of new Conver weed cutter and dredging for BCA
- ~ Kitty II fundraising
- ~ Campaign initiative
- ~ Challenges facing IWA and other canal bodies

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 2022 held on 14th May 2022**

Noted and agreed – proposer K. Sankey, seconder A. Beale, then signed off by T. Dodwell.

~ the Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Noted and agreed – proposer J.King, seconder D.Paine.

~ To reappoint Barnbrook Sinclair LLP as Independent Examining Accountants

Noted and agreed – proposer R. Cansdale, seconder J.King.

4. Election of the members of the Committee (Board of Directors) for the year 2023/4.

The following members were duly elected or re-elected (including 3 proxy votes):-

Kevin Redway
Philip Riley
Charlotte Rodgers

Thanks to Directors who have left post this year – A. Balch, N. Sutherland, S. Tudor.

5. Any Other Business.

~ Liz Dodwell thanked all attendees and remarked on a busy and successful year for the BCS.

~ It was announced that The Robin Higgs Trophy would be awarded to Ian Sims.

~ The Dieter Jebens Photography trophy was awarded to Josh Kerry, for a photo of the original John Pinkerton boat.

PRESENTATIONS

Kitty II – Graham Deavin and John Turner

Campaign – Charlotte Rodgers

Refreshments provided by Canal café – thanks to Mike Rippingdale and his team.

DATE OF NEXT AGM – SATURDAY 4th May 2024 (provisional – TBC)