

# Beckford Nature Reserve

Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Beckford Nature Reserve held in the Village Hall  
Beckford on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30 pm

## **Present**

Geoff Stringer	Chairman
Margaret Barker	Treasurer
Clare Henderson	Secretary
Tina Brown	Trustee

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM.

## **AGM11/18.1 Apologies for absence**

Mark McCauley, Marion Slade, Andy Slade, Jayne Allchurch and Dave Allchurch

## **AGM11/18.2 Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> AGM of Trustees held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

The minutes were read and the Chairman signed them as correct.

## **AGM11/18.3 Matters Arising**

There were no specific matters arising to be discussed.

## **AGM11/18.4 Chairman's Report**

Geoff reported that the northern boundary had had a temporary fence erected to discourage deer and enable the hedge to establish. He thanked Tina and Herbie, the student taking his Duke of Edinburgh task for their work on this. The bench on the north side of the lake has been refurbished and resited on the path near Court Farm Lane. Routine maintenance continues with volunteer work parties and occasional contract work. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Supper was an enjoyable evening but not as well supported as we would have liked. The 200 Club continues to be a major fund raiser for the reserve. It has been decided not to have calendars printed this year due to falling sales but to concentrate on the sale of cards. Thanks are recorded to Beckford Open Village Fund for the donation of £175 which will enable us to replace the throw ropes that have been removed and the donation box which has been stolen. Text donation is now an option as well.

Geoff expressed his thanks to his fellow trustees, Dave and Jayne Allchurch, volunteers and supporters.

Acceptance of Chairman's report: Proposed Anne Clark Seconded Jonathan Grice.

## **AGM11/18.5 Treasurer's Report**

Margaret Barker, distributed the report and then presented the accounts, see separate sheet for full details. She had been successful in obtaining a better deal with regards to the insurance premium by changing to another reputable company causing a considerable saving. The cost now being £264 as opposed to £1150. She reported that the 200 Club was still the main source of income and continues to flourish. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala income is not shown

Clare Henderson, Hon. Sec.

in these accounts but the expenditure on the souvenir pens and other expenses paid out before the event are shown. There was a donation of £500 in memory of a deceased supporter which was much appreciated.

Margaret thanked Jonathan Grice for his help in preparing the Financial statement.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's report: Proposed: Madeline Clifford seconded: Pam Grice

**AGM11/18.6 AOB**

- Pam Grice enquired if there was any specific project to spend the money on and Tina Brown explained that as the number of volunteers was dropping it may become necessary to have more days allocated to the contractors which at £480 per day, would soon use up the reserves. The volunteer work parties are to be advertised in the Parish Magazine and the Nature Reserve website. Madeline Clifford suggested that speaking to people personally might encourage more people to come forward.
- There was an enquiry as to how Kemerton Nature Reserve recruited volunteers. It was felt that as it was a much bigger organisation and there was probably a paid employee the two reserves were not comparable.
- Geoff was asked about the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust's Wildlife Hero Award which had been given to BNR. He explained that he had been awarded a certificate on behalf of the BNR and this was in recognition of the work done on the reserve to maintain biodiversity and care for wildlife. He received the award along with 25 other Wildlife Heroes as part of the WWT's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.
- Yo Yates asked for particular thanks be recorded to Tina Brown for her unstinting work throughout the year. Tina in turn asked that Andy Slade's maintenance of the website be recorded with grateful thanks.

Geoff then thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.10 pm. There followed an illustrated talk by Capt Ken Whittaker on "South Georgia"

Signed ..... Date .....