

**WHITEWATER VALLEY WINE SOCIETY**  
**Annual General Meeting**

**12<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

The meeting commenced at 8.03 pm.

**Apologies for Absence:** Gerrie Bailey, Keith Betton, Mike Etherington, Richard Ford, Annie & Wishav Goel, Terry Holdsworth, Alice Matlak, Paula Mitten, Sue Moore, Peter Morrison, Bridget Sears, Jan Selwood, Tony & June Wallis, Nick Walters, Paul Wright.

**Minutes 2019 AGM:** These were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed By:** Alastair Dudley **Seconded By:** Margaret Steer and then approved by members.

**Secretary's Report:**

Keith Cooper started his report by giving thanks to the following people:

- Margaret Steer for acting as Chairperson for the first part of the year and organising last year's Donnington Event;
- Jim King for taking on the role of Interim Chair to chair our Committee Meetings, keeping us in order and his overall contribution to the Society plus organising the Starter Wines every tasting;
- Ian Johnson for all his work on the Accounts, including the Annual Inspection, handling all the monies and membership;
- Nesta Downey for organising all the food and nibbles; in the production and printing of marketing material to attract new members; organising the Christmas tasting;
- Barbara Jones for doing the tasting notes for Hook Focus, minutes for Committee Meeting and the AGM.
- He then thanks other regular members for their help and support – Brian Mullins for organising pourers. Barbara Mullins for her help with the Raffle, all pourers during the year, all who have organised food and nibbles.
- He ended by summarising his own responsibilities:
  - Day to day liaison with members; organising the speakers; circulating news releases and tasting information; running the website.
  - He summarised the range of speakers for the 2019/20 year – 5 were new, 3 were welcomed back. Highlights for him were Jo Locke MW, Leah Seresin and Janina Doyle from Vina Ventisquero.
  - The informal dining evening at the Falcon was regarded as successful and will probably be repeated this year.
  - He reminded all members to use our website.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Ian Johnson made reference to the Financial Report that had already been circulated. Some cost increases have occurred as predicted but that the Society remains sound with a small loss of under £100;
- Membership has fallen from 65 to the mid-50s with people moving away etc. but as attendance has remained consistent at an average of 42 he sees no reason to increase Membership/Tasting Charges;
- He remarked that the move to on-line banking had been a success and thanked the membership for their cooperation;

- That as this is his 6<sup>th</sup> year as Treasurer he confirmed that he would not be standing for election from 2021 onwards.

Acceptance of the Audited Accounts was:

Proposed by: Brian John          Seconded by: Dave Palmer

The Accounts were then approved by Members.

**Election of Officers and Committee:**

**The following individuals have been nominated:**

- Jim King is offering to continue as Interim Chairperson;
- Keith Cooper is offering to stand for re-election as Secretary;
- Ian Johnson is offering to stand for re-election as Treasurer;
- Barbara Jones, Nesta Downey, Clive Gibbons and Richard Ford are offering to stand for re-election/election as Committee Members.

All present Agreed to vote collectively for the new Committee.

**Acceptance was Proposed by:** Liz Cooper          **Seconded by:** Margaret Steer.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.