

WHITEWATER VALLEY WINE SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting
9th February 2022
Via Zoom

The Meeting began at 8.05 pm.

Apologies for Absence: Nigel and Nesta Downey, Martha Huckins, Sue Moore, Bob Johnson.

Minutes of AGM 2021: These were approved as being a true record and accepted by members.

Proposed by: Andy Shadbolt Seconded by: Brian Mullins

Matters Arising: None.

Chairperson's Report:

Keith Cooper referred members to his Report already circulated. He then referred to the problems of the past year linked to Covid 19 and that there were no meetings until September 2021. Attendance numbers improved over the next few months with a maximum of 36 for the December Tasting. It is the Society's intention to restart in March with Tim Syrad and 'Wines of Portugal'.

He then thanked Committee Members:

Richard Ford - for supervising Society Accounts.

Barbara Jones - for the formal secretary role of taking minutes and writing tasting reports.

Clive Gibbons - for dealing with bookings for tastings.

Nesta Downey - for organising food arrangements and liaison with The Raven.

Andy Shadbolt - for completing his first year and providing a useful and different perspective.

He concluded by hoping that the remainder of this year will be an improvement on the first two months.

Treasurer's Report:

Richard Ford began by making reference to his Report already circulated. He then summarised the main points. Not unexpectedly, the Society made a loss of £361 over the last 2 years, with costs being subsidised out of funds. In the few meetings held there were 17 visitors, 3 of whom subsequently joined. Loss for tastings have varied from £92 - £158, partly because of a significant increase in room hire costs, increasing from £140.00 - £200.00 per session and the decision to limit numbers for health reasons to 36. The Raffle has helped positively, cost-wise. Wine orders continue to be buoyant totaling £6000+. As a result, it is suggested that the charge per tasting be increased to £20.00 for members [£24.00 for guests], but to keep subscription charges at £12.50. Richard ended by thanking Phil Griffiths for the inspection of Society Accounts. This was echoed by the Chairperson.

Acceptance of Accounts: Proposed by: Brian John Seconded by: Liz Cooper

Election of Officers:

The following individuals have been nominated:

- Keith Cooper is offering to stand as Chairperson.
Proposed by: Alastair Dudley Seconded by: Bob Johnson
- Barbara Jones is offering to stand as Secretary.
Proposed by: Richard Ford Seconded by: Ken Pickworth
- Richard Ford is offering to stand as Treasurer.
Proposed by: Phil Griffiths Seconded by: Liz Cooper
- Nesta Downey is offering to stand as Committee Member.
Proposed by: Nigel Downey Seconded by: Tony Wallis
- Clive Gibbons is offering to stand as Committee member.
Proposed by: Keith Cooper Seconded by: Richard Ford
- Andy Shadbolt is offering to stand as Committee Member.
Proposed by: Jim King Seconded by: Adrian Redding

No other nominations having been received these nominations were carried by members.

Proposed by: Peter Morrison. Seconded by: Derrick Sequeira

AOB:

Ian Johnson queried the date of renewing subscriptions. Richard Ford confirmed it was the date of the AGM, the subscription rate now having been agreed by Members.

The meeting closed at 8.26 pm.