

WHITEWATER VALLEY WINE SOCIETY
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
12th February 2025

The meeting began at 8.04 pm

Apologies for Absence: Chris Jones, Peter Morrison, Jan Selwood, Keith and Charu Murrell, Ruth Davis, John and Paula Mitten, Tony and June Wallis, Alan Kent, Helen Fletcher.

Minutes of AGM 2024: These were approved as being a true record and accepted by Members.

Proposed by: Andy Shadbolt

Seconded by: Dave Palmer

Matters Arising: None

Chairperson's Report:

Keith Cooper referred to his report which had been circulated. He highlighted certain aspects, especially that 2024-5 had been a successful year for the Society reflected by mostly full attendance at most tastings. We have many new members so have been able to keep charges per tasting at £20.00pp. With increases in wine production costs and the new alcohol tax this might not be possible in future. He thanked all members of the Committee that 'meets' via Zoom every two months, for their particular responsibilities and contributions. Especially he thanked Richard Ford for his 5 years' service as Treasurer and Nesta Downey for her service of 10 years as Food Coordinator.

Treasurer's Report:

Richard Ford also referred to his report which had been circulated. He extended special thanks to our Accounts' Validator, Phill Griffiths for his help and advice. He went on to explain that the decrease in funds over the past year was planned. The Society needs sufficient funds in the bank to cover any expenses and orders and funds remain sufficient to continue with this policy for 2025-6. Therefore, subscriptions will remain at £5.00 per person. At the start of the year there were 67 members and 9 new members joined over the year. There were 11 tastings over the year of which 5 were profitable whilst 6 made a planned loss. Wine orders continue to increase in value resulting in almost £12.000 over the year! Attendance at tastings in May is lower due to members' holidays.

Acceptance of Accounts:

Proposed by: Wishav Goel

Seconded by: Alastair Dudley

Election of Officers:

- Election of Chairperson: Keith Cooper
Proposed by: Derrick Sequeira

Seconded by: Alastair Dudley

- Election of Secretary: Barbara Jones
Proposed by Richard Ford

Seconded by: Ken Pickworth

- Election of Treasurer: Phil Brown
Proposed by Steve Tracey

Seconded by: Liz Skeggs

- Election of Committee Members:
Clive Gibbons

Seconded by Brian John

Proposed by Richard Ford

Paula Mitten

Seconded by Nigel Downey

Proposed by John Mitten

Andy Shadbolt

Seconded by Sian Coates

Proposed by Adrian Redding

No other nominations having been received, these nominations were carried by Members as one vote and duly elected.

Proposed by: Bob Johnson

Seconded by: Derrick Sequeira

The Meeting closed at 8.15 pm