

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Northern Region Allotments Association 24th January 2015

This is the first AGM of the NRAA since its adoption of its constitution on 26th April 2014.

Present Vincent Scott, Chair (South View Birtley), John Doherty, Secretary, John Monkhouse, Treasurer (Smithfield Road, Darlington), Evelyn Leck, David Banks, Karen Minter (Durham C.C.), Tom Wood (Mulberry Allotments, Felling), Alan Dixon and John Storey (Foundry Fields, Crook), Terry Taylor (Langley Park), John Hays and Ron Suckling (Burn Valley, Hartlepool), Christine Meikle and Colin Campbell (Red House Farm, Whitley Bay), Ken Bradshaw (Flass Vale), Peter Lawson, A Clark and M Ellison (Barmoor), D Bella and J Naisbett (Wheatley Hill), Phill Hill and W Blackett (South View, Spennymoor), Jamie Hixon (Durham N. End), Frank Heatherington and Jeff Ridley (Wheatbottom, Crook), Gordon Wood and Dave Jarman (No Place), Neil Storey (Rossmere, Hartlepool), Kathie Brown (Pelton P.C.), Eric Brown (Ouseton A.A., Pelton), Dorothy Slater and Doreen Wright (Tommy's Field, Morpeth), Tony Barclay (Blackfyne A.A., Blackhill), Colin Smith (High Handenhold)

Apologies Joan Russell, Elizabeth Allnutt, Mary Robinson and John Outhwaite

Minutes of the last AGM and General Meeting The Minutes of the AGM held last January and the EGM held on 26th April 2014 were read out.

Matters Arising There were no matters arising.

Adoption of Minutes The minutes of both meetings were adopted.

Proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record Neil Storey, Seconded Jeff Ridley. Passed

Chairman's Report The Chair reported briefly on the year. The principal achievement was producing a good constitution and it being adopted on April 26th 2014. Thanks to David Banks for almost all of that. We also ran committee meetings and achievements notably the updating of our member's contact list which was completed last October.. Our committee has met 4 times in between the regular quarterly meetings. Various projects have been discussed (Rodent Control Course, Group visit to national AGM) which will be raised later in the meeting proper.

Secretary's Report The secretary reported on activity with the contact list, providing comments and feed back on the proposals for revising the NSALG rules, rodent control course and possible trip to the national AGM on 6th June.

Presentation of Accounts The treasurer had previously passed around copies of the balance sheet and asked for questions. There was some lively discussion on the discretion exercised by the national management in allocating or, in our case not allocating, rebates of membership fees to the region. There was a strong feeling that a proportion of affiliation fees should automatically be returned to the regions with the option (which exists already) of requesting extra funding for special purposes.

Proposal: that the accounts be accepted as correct. Proposed Colin Smith, seconded Neil Storey. Passed

Election of Officers and Committee

	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Vince Scott	John Monkhouse	John Hays
Secretary	John Doherty	John Hays	Neil Storey
Treasurer	John Monkhouse	Neil Storey	Evelyn Leck
Committee	David Banks Evelyn Leck	John Hays	Jeff Ridley

Neil Storey Colin Smith
Tom Wood

All the above were elected unopposed

Appointment of Independent Examiner Elaine Nylander Proposed John Doherty,
seconded Neil Storey:Passed

NAS Regional Representative David Banks put himself forward for election to this
post which is to represent our region on the national Management Committee for one year.
Proposed John Doherty, seconded Jeff Ridley. Passed.

Any other business Jeff Ridley thanked the committee for the work done in the past year.

Date of next meeting January 30th 2016