

AGM Minutes for Gosport Heritage Open Days March 19th 2015 held at St Mary the Virgin, Rowner

Present

Terry Rhodes (TR) (Chair), Maria Battley (MB), Monica Shilling (MS), Canon John Draper (JD), Heather Whitewood (HW), Sue Wright (SW), Lesley Burton (LBU), Kay Allen (KA), David Merritt (DM), Janet Brotherton (JBr), Leon Britton (LBr)

Apologies

David White(DW), Ralph Booker(RB), Julia Tseklova(JT), John Bevan(JBe), Lynn Plested(LP), Pam Braddock(PB), Terry Hinkley(TH)

Welcome and Opening remarks

TR welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

TR introduced some new faces: Leon Britton, the heritage Officer for Sultan; Janet Brotherton, who is a new volunteer and will be interviewing people for a new page 'Meet the Team' on the website; Heather Whitewood, who has joined the Events team and is working on a Photography Competition; Canon John Draper, the Rector of St Mary the Virgin, Rowner.

Chair's Report

TR went through all the facts and figures for GHODs 2014, a copy of which is attached to the minutes.

Financial Report

Unfortunately our Treasurer, Ralph Booker has been ill, so was unable to attend the AGM, but he did put together a financial report which TR read out.

The accounts for last year have been verified by GVA.

In 2014 the total expenditure was £2091, a 33% saving against the budget of £3131. Savings were made by changing the programme from an A4 booklet into a DL foldable format.

Our income for 2014 was £1600, made by project managing two projects: we received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a WW1 project, 'Remembering the Unforgettable'; Hampshire County Council funded a WW2 project, 'D-day Reminisces'; as well as a private donation.

Our balance stands at £3355, with the forecast budget for this year being £2285 which is based on what we need for this year.

Fundraising initiatives are underway for 2016.

Election of Officers

LP is standing down as Secretary, but will remain as a Guest Member, a big thank you to her for all the hard work she has done for us. She proposed MB for the role of Secretary which was seconded by RB. As there were no other nominations, MB was elected without needing a vote.

TR will stand as Chair for another year. As there were no other nominations, TR was elected without needing a vote.

RB will stand as Treasurer for another year. As there were no other nominations, RB was elected without needing a vote.

There no nominations for the role of Vice-Chair at present, so the role will be held open.

Amendments to our Constitution

The position of Vice-chair has been created as an officer role.

The Inclusion group has merged into Gosport Access Group & Disability Forum.

2015 Event

This year's event will run from 10th – 13th September 2015

Lots of old events are back on board, also lots of interesting new events will be taking part. 60 events have shown an interest in this year's event so far.

Any Other Business

Registration opens anytime now! To qualify for early bird registration you need be register nationally by 1st May 2015, but if we are registering for you we need all information by 24th April 2015.

This year there will be no paper registrations nationally, it will all be on line. We have our own form which the Events team can give you as well as any help you may need with risk assessments etc.

GHOD's Organiser Workshop

We will be holding the GHOD's Organiser Workshop on May 21st 2015 at Fort Brockhurst.

0930 - 1300 Information and support session

1320 - 1400 optional session on 'How to be a good tour guide'.

This free workshop is designed for both experienced and new event organisers, if you wish to attend, please let us know.

A talk on the roots of GHODs by our Patron Leslie Burton

Leslie Burton gave a very interesting talk on how Gosport was the first town to pilot Heritage Open Days in partnership with the Civic Trust in 1992. It was hoped that the talk was to be videoed and put onto to our website, but the photographer was unable to attend. We are hoping that JBr will soon do an interview with Lesley for our website.

Attachments: GOSPORT HERITAGE OPEN DAYS Power point presentation

Minutes taken by Maria Battley