

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WEALD OF KENT
PLOUGHING MATCH COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD 22nd MAY 2006, AT
MARDEN CRICKET CLUB, HOWLAND ROAD, MARDEN, COMMENCING AT
7.30PM

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

Present: Messrs W Thompson, A Marden, M Marden, M Cleverdon, K Britt, N Ridley, S Ridley, S Nesfield, G Eckley, J R Stevens, W Steel, M Ensoll, A Wise, T Overy, N Henley, G Clark, J Simpson, C Lillywhite, R Chantler, R Thomas, J Faulkner, R Barnes, FJ Harvey, Mrs A Elliott, Mrs L Mannington and Ms K Burchell and 4 members residing.

Apologies for absence: Messrs. M Foreman, G Stonham, G D Neame , W Thompson, L Mannington, M Scott, S Highwood, N Burdge, N Overy

Minutes of the previous meeting held May 23rd 2005 as previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: None

Correspondence: None

Financial Report

A full breakdown of the accounts is available on request.

The Treasurer was pleased to report a surplus of £410 thus improving the overall reserves to £29,333, which is a very healthy position for the Association. Specific areas for comment were that the gate and programme were a reduced income of £1098 which reflected the general view that fewer people entered last years event. Advertising and trade stands also showed a drop. However, donations were higher, up to £3200, entries also improved and sundry income showed a significant improvement of £727 partly due to the insurance claim for a damaged trophy. Overall income was down from £15,988 in 2005 to £15,184 in 2006.

Expenditure increased compared to 2005, from £13,918 to £14,773, a large proportion of this relates to general show expenses, up £341, catering up £555, increased security and rubbish disposal costs. The treasurer thanked the auditors for the preparation of the accounts.

The Treasurer proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mr M Cleverdon.

Chairmans' Report

Mr Cleverdon congratulated Mr Steel for another excellent and well-run match, with additional thanks to the hosts, Mr R Thomas, Mr Ide and Mr Ridley, who have been excellent ambassadors for the Association. The day had brought great weather, and with flags flying and ploughs everywhere, the Chairman had felt proud of what the hard working committee had put together. The Chairman also thanked the secretary for all her many hours dealing with the increasing amount of paperwork an event of this size now generates. The 2006 site, to be held in Headcorn would again hopefully prove to be another success.

Election of Officers

President

Mr Martin Dear, Esq of The Agronomy Partnership

Proposed by Mr M Cleverdon, Seconded by Mr O A Reynolds

Mr Dear had been involved with the Association as a trade stand holder for 25 years.

Vice-presidents Messrs D Barham, G Beard, R J Bezant, N Burdge, J Butler, W G Calcutt, R C Coleman, A E A Day, J R Stevens, G H Fletcher, M C Foreman, J R Henley, D Kirby, Lord P Mayhew, O A Reynolds, M Scott, D Stevens, W Steel, P Tipples, S Tipples, R D Warner, M Wheeler, N J Wickham, J Worsfold, B Wright,
Proposed by Mr G Clark, Seconded by Mr M Cleverdon
All in favour.

Chairman Mr M Cleverdon
Proposed by Mr O A Reynolds, Seconded by Mr A Marden
All in favour.

Vice-Chairman Mr T Overy
Proposed by Mr J R Stevens, Seconded by Mr M Cleverdon
All in favour

Treasurer Mr G Dadd
Proposed by Mr O A Reynolds, Seconded by Mr M Cleverdon
All in favour

Secretary Ms K Burchell
Proposed by Mr M Marden, Seconded by Mr A Marden
All in favour

Executive Committee

At present Messrs: K Britt, N Burdge, R Chantler, M Cleverdon, G Clark, G Eckley, M Ensoll, J Forknall, Mrs A Elliott, C Foster, N Henley, S Highwood, M Ide, C Lillywhite, A Marden, M Marden, G D Neame, N Overy, T Overy, O A Reynolds, N Ridley, W Steel, J R Stevens, M Scott, R Thomas, W Thompson, J Tipples, A Wise, Miss R Wickham, Mrs L Mannington, S Ridley, S Nesfield, F J Harvey, and J Simpson
Proposed by Mr J R Henley, Seconded by Mr J Forknall
All in favour

Hon Life Members Messrs PJ Cleary, G H Stonham, P Tipples, J Parsons, J R Henley, with the addition of M Garner,
Proposed by Mr O A Reynolds, Seconded by Mr M Cleverdon

Auditors Mc Cabe Ford Williams
Proposed by Mr M Garner, Seconded by Mr N Ridley.

The President of the Association thanked all those for attending and the meeting was closed at 8.00pm.