

READING PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 1st March 2019 at 19:00 hours in St Andrew's Church Hall, Craven Road, Reading.

Present: 56 members (comprising 43 members of whom 2 were new and 13 wives/partners of whom 1 was new).

Chairman Ted Goodhew introduced the meeting and said that the weather this year was an improvement on that in March 2018 which due to heavy falls of snow on the day before the 2018 AGM, caused its postponement. He welcomed all members to the meeting including two new members and one partner.

1. Apologies for Absence.

There were two apologies received.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 6th April 2018

The minutes had been distributed to all members before the meeting, and there was no dissent to their approval.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes / Action Points.

There were no points or actions from the minutes.

4. Treasurer's Report.

The 2018 accounts had previously been distributed to all members along with some explanatory notes.

Treasurer Roger Bennett drew attention to a few points relevant to the accounts:

The stationery costs were mainly for postage stamps for the postage to members of the new RPCSG registration form in order to comply with the General Data Protection Requirements.

The reduction in Group funds of c.£700 in 2018 was principally due to the purchase of equipment, primarily a Gazebo and roller banners for our awareness activities. The next awareness event will be on 23rd March 2019 and will use this equipment at that time.

The level of donations is volatile and has fallen from above £1,000 in the previous year to c.£700 in 2018. This figure includes £400 from the Woodley and Earley Lions arranged by our Committee colleague Graham Cook for which we were very grateful.

The cost of the rental of the hall is an essential expenditure and fortunately in 2018 this cost was covered by the income from the raffles at the two Social events and the income from the refreshment collection.

In respect of fund raising Roger then mentioned that if any member has an idea for raising funds for the group, please let their ideas be known to the committee. Also if any member has suggestions for expenditure that would help us to continue to meet our objectives these would be welcomed and considered by the Committee.

No questions arose concerning Roger's report, and the 2018 accounts were approved by the majority of the membership by a show of hands in favour.

5. Chairman's Report.

Ted Goodhew has completed a four year term on the committee, the last three being as Chairman. He will stand down from the committee and expressed appreciation to Chris Addison who will take up the role of Chairman.

Ted reviewed the group meetings over the past year. Several of the speakers were from the Royal Berkshire Hospital, with other speakers from Tackle, the Continence Advisory Service and the Macmillan Trust. Member Steve Allen also gave an excellent talk in February 2019. Two of the meetings were the very successful Summer and Christmas Social events.

Ted thanked all of the committee members for their work during the year, including Graham Cook for organising the Social Events, Roger Bennett for excellent work as Treasurer, Richard Brown for establishing his idea of group walks that have proved very popular, Beverley for arranging the guest speakers, Steve Parkinson for the Pharos newsletter and acting as Secretary, Steve Smyth for many photographs and Chris Webb for managing the web site. He also thanked Karin Goodhew and Sue Parkinson for their help at the refreshments counter.

6. Election of Committee Members.

Four committee members were proposed for election to the committee:

Graham Cook (previously co-opted)
Steve Parkinson (previously co-opted)
Alex Miles
Steve Smyth who has completed a three year term in office.

All of the above were duly elected collectively by a majority show of hands in favour,

7. Any Other Business.

Graham Cook expressed sincere thanks to Ted Goodhew for his three years service as Chairman and presented a gift of appreciation to Ted.

Graham introduced Chris Addison as the new Chairman and mentioned the work

that Chris has already done for the group, including organising an improved Meet & Greet process and work in procuring the gazebo and other equipment.

Chris also thanked the committee for their work over the past year. He mentioned the next awareness events on 23rd March 2019 in the Broad St Mall, and another on the 29th June 2019. For the latter event our pitch and gazebo at this event has been changed from outside Waterstones to a pitch close to Marks & Spencer that we think will be a more favourable position. We will be most grateful for any volunteers to help at either or both of the two planned awareness events in 2019.

The committee will be most pleased for any member who is interested in joining the committee, and Chris invited anyone interested to come to the next committee meeting that will be held on the 16th April 2019.

Chris reminded us that the Summer Social this year will be on Friday 5th July 2019.

8. Date of next AGM.

The proposed date of the next AGM is the 6th March 2020.

The Chairman closed the Annual General Meeting at 19:31.

Chairman.....

Date

ADDENDUM

Chris Addison was elected as Chairman by the committee but his name was omitted from the list of candidates applying for election to the committee as presented at the AGM. Subsequently the election of Chris to the committee was put to the members who had attended the AGM and there being no dissent, Chris Addison is duly elected to the committee for a fourth year of service.