

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

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The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 31st March 2017 at the Sports Pavilion, The Common, Southwold IP18 6TB at 7.00 pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome from the President
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the AGM of 15th April 2016
4. Matters arising
5. Reports:
 - i. Chairman's report
 - ii. Treasurer's report
 - iii. Bursaries report
 - iv. Fete report
6. Election of Trustees:

Barry Tolfree proposed by Sidi Scott
7. Election of Officers:

Chairman: Sidi Scott proposed by Mary Rowan-Robinson

Treasurer: Peter Gibbs proposed by Sidi Scott

Vice Chairman: Jane Ackroyd proposed by Viv Tolfree
8. Presentation of cheque by Margaret Chadd
9. Resumé of the 2017 season
10. Any other business
11. Meeting closed

INTERVAL

Guest speaker: TBA

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 15th April 2016 at 7.00 pm at the Sports Pavilion, The Common Southwold

Present: Sidi Scott (Chairman), Ken Hanham (Vice Chairman), Jane Ackroyd, Judith Bottten, Ben Marriner, Sue Tayler, Vivien Tolfree (Hon. Secretary).

and 52 members

Guests: Peter Adshead, Mark Sterling

Our President, Margaret Chadd, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Peter Gibbs and 16 members.
2. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016:** Acceptance of minutes proposed by Barry Tolfree, seconded by Mary Rowan-Robinson - agreed.
3. **Matters arising:** No matters arising.
4. **Reports:**
 - i. **Chairman's report:** Sidi spoke of the Friends' cause to promote performing arts here in Suffolk, both the Aldeburgh and Southwold Summer Theatres and bursaries. She highlighted that one of our bursary beneficiaries had featured in the Dancing Times magazine wearing the very shoes we had helped her to buy! She talked of the work of the trustees throughout the past year, and spoke of her huge admiration for Sue Tayler in managing the fete last year in appalling weather. Her thanks went to Bettina Daniels who opened her beautiful garden for the summer party, when the Friends and the Company have a most enjoyable evening. Her final thanks went to unseen Friends who stuff envelopes, deliver publicity cards and the Newsletter, and ended by encouraging us all to keep on helping.
 - ii. **Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer apologised for not being able to attend, but left the Treasurer's report saying that the membership remains steady, with generous donations from FESPA members and £500 from HSBC in recognition of charity work by their staff, namely Margaret Tabor our Membership Secretary. Since the formation of FESPA we have donated £83,500 to the Summer Theatres and £38,500 to student bursaries. He thanked Margaret Tabor for all her help and Jack Storer our auditor.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Pat Goodman seconded by Mary Rowan-Robinson – carried.

iii. **Fete report:** Sue said how we need to have a really good year to make up for the past 2 years and asked people to be generous. She said that we have been very fortunate to have been given two marquees by a very generous benefactor, which has set us up extremely well for this year. She hopes to have a few new attractions this year, and was pleased to let us know that the Fire Brigade would be coming. She said she needs people to help on the car park, and all help with home-made produce, etc. is most welcome.

5. **Election of Trustees and officers**

Nominations for trustees are:

David Bunkell: proposed by Viv Tolfree, seconded by Sue Doy – carried

Tom Chapman: proposed by Sue Tayler, seconded by Sidi Scott – carried

Nominations for officers are:

Chairman: Sidi Scott proposed by Mary Rowan-Robinson, seconded by Pat Goodman – carried.

Treasurer: Peter Gibbs proposed by Sidi Scott, seconded by James Rand – carried

Vice Chairman: Ken Hanham proposed by Sidi Scott, seconded by Pat Goodman – carried.

6. The proposal to increase the annual subscription was discussed. The subscription was last set 8 years ago, and Sidi made the point that the cost of postage alone had doubled in that time. It was agreed to increase the annual subscription to £12.50 per person. Proposed by David Goodman, seconded by James Rand – carried.
7. **FESPA Newsletter:** Sidi said that Warwick Cross, who would be the new Editor of the Newsletter was unfortunately unable to come this evening, but hoped very much that he would be at the Friends' Party. Sidi then went on to make a presentation to Barry Tolfree warmly thanking him for the Newsletters he had edited for the past 9 years saying how valuable he had been to the Friends and the trustees.
8. **Presentation of cheque:** Margaret Chadd presented a cheque to Mark Sterling for the Company.
9. Mark thanked FESPA for their valuable support. He then gave a resumé of the coming season which we look forward to.
10. Any other business: None
11. Meeting closed.