

107th Annual General Meeting

Saturday 15th October 2016

Held at The Boston Stump Meeting Room

Commenced at 2:00pm

<u>President</u>	Mrs Jenny Worth
<u>Vice Presidents</u>	Lady Bruce-Gardyne Mrs June Grant Mrs Helen Caudwell Mrs Win Iremonger Mr R Harrison
<u>Chairman</u>	Mrs Gill Boldy
<u>Vice Chairman</u>	Mr Andy Boyton
<u>Secretary</u>	Ms Inga Maxwell
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mr S Barton-Collins
<u>Committee Members</u>	Mr David Boldy Mr David Norton Mr Andy Boyton Lady Bruce Gardyne Ms Inga Maxwell Mrs Liz Dixon-Spain

Members Attending: Lady Bruce-Gardyne, Mr Shaun Collins (Treasurer), Mr Jenny Worth (President), Mr Shaun Barton Collins (Treasurer), Mrs Gill Boldy (Chairman), Mr David Boldy, Mr David Norton, Mr Andy Boyton (Vice Chairman), Mrs Win Iremonger, Mrs Helen Cauldwell, Mrs Julie Brocklehurst, Mrs Liz Dixon-Spain, Mrs Beth Dawson & Ms Inga Maxwell (Secretary).

Apologies for Absence: Mrs June Grant (Vice Chair), Lucy Grant, Gail Dymoke, Janet Harwood, & Liz Drake.

Adoption of Previous Minutes:

GB requested a confirmation of the 106th Annual General Meeting check for accuracy of the minutes of the meetings held on 10th October 2016 were accepted as a true record. GB proposed that they are and SH second to confirm.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

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Officers Reports:

Chairman's Report:

GB as Chairman advised that it was a good year with improvements of the amount of people entering as a novice and a positive success with the Dolby Garden Club. For committee and non-committee members who have put a lot of effort into obtaining the school entries and promoting the LDS daffodil bulb growing competition. Furthermore, the important role of Win Iremonger, who has dedicated her time to raise monies by way of sponsors, to advertise in the annual schedule.

Treasurer's Report:

SBC presented the 2016 annual accounts for inspection. He advised the attendees of the 2016 show loss due to the amount of money spent on insurance for the silver cups (ref insurance PL & CT) for the sum of £135.00 per annum. Therefore, it was reported that the general income over expenditure is a deficit of £163.58 and the show income over expenditure is a deficit sum of £280.08. RH made enquiries to replace the current policy with the NFU concerning a cheaper quotation and he was advised that a setup cost of £35.00 would be charged. SBC advised he has been looking at the current policy and the cover includes public liability for ten million for employees/non/members and will look into the details of the necessary amount required. DN advised that public liability for other events were being managed by Springfields Events & Conference Centre (SECC) and this would be covered. SBC was conscious that if a visitor had an intention of making a claim how would it be viewed by law would the claim be made against SECC or LDS. GB requested for SBC to investigate this by asking the NFU and establish if we are covered so that costs may be reduced for future shows.

Election of Officers and Committee members for the forthcoming year

President: GB proposed that Jenny Worth continued to take up the responsibility of President for the coming year as long as she was happy to do so. JW agreed. RH second, this proposal and unanimously approved by the committee.

Chairman: GB confirmed that she was happy to continue as Chairman and WI second that proposal and fully supported by the committee.

Vice-Chairman: GB proposed that Andy Boyton continued to stand as Vice-Chairman and he agreed. JW second the proposal and duly he resumed the Vice Chairman

Treasurer: GB asked SBC if he would like to continue as Treasurer and he agreed. AB second, this proposal. Shaun Barton-Collins was duly elected as Treasurer.

Secretary: GB advised that Gail Dymoke has requested to stand down from immediate effect, GB proposed IM to take up the role and she agreed. SBC seconded the proposal. Inga Maxwell was duly elected as Secretary.

Committee Members: GB advised that Lady Bruce-Gardyne, David Boldy, David Norton, Andy Boyton, Liz Dixon-Spain and Inga Maxwell all accepted as Committee Members.

Arrangements for 2017 Show:

The Show will be on 8th & 9th April 2017 and further dates have also been agreed such as 14th & 15th April 2018 & 13th & 14th April 2019.

To organise/project co-ordinate the LDS show it seems that GB felt it would be necessary to elect a show coordinator and asked for a volunteer to put themselves forward. DB was happy to do so and this was second by JW & RH and thereby David Boldy was duly elected. GB expressed a need for the Show Coordinator to ensure that there was back up for such jobs as putting together the Show Schedule, day to day running of the show, membership entries completed on the day and a greater understanding of the scoring system by learning how this is completed for support to SBC and backup. Furthermore, to ensure one piece of paper is completed with a list of prize winners and which cup they are to be awarded at the presentation on Saturday 8th April 2017. GB strongly advised not to have the book system again as it did not work in some cases and she would not like to be making the same fopas again.

Membership:

GB will write to clubs and groups to offer a group membership for LDS and hopes this will help increase the figures greatly in the future.

Judges:

GB had a concern highlighted by one of the judges from the 2016 show that if they were represented at the show as a judge then they could not enter. This will need to be taken into account in the future when inviting judges to participate.

SBC advised that the time the exhibitors need to be ready for judging has changed and thereby, GB found that there was less time for judging and time was an issue as the presentation was slightly delayed for judging to be completed. GB would like to ensure that there is more time available so that this does not happen again for next year's show.

Daffodil Class:

DB raised a concern that the judges Adrian Jansen and Gordon Hanks had to exclude some entries due to the fact they were not relevant to the class they were placed into! DB said that the stewards will need to help and communicate and offer to all who wish to exhibit their entries to ensure that it is allocated in the right area so that this does not happen in the future. RH said that the schedule does clearly define the classification and as long as we can offer a willingness to communicate and decide

where it should go this will help resolve the matter. AB advised that if the LDS Admin station could have access to Daffseek this would be a quick way of resolving the issue. GB & DB advised if you are not sure then check to be clear and move to another class. JB advised that a folder could be provided to the novice and RH could hold the relevant classification showing the pictures on one sheet and another copy could be laminated and on display for all to see.

Publicity

DN confirmed that he was happy to take on the publicity and repeat what he has done in previous years. This includes local press such as The Target Group, The Guardian, The Voice, digital advertising, What's on Lincolnshire, Peterborough, etc.; including, banners, posters, and leaflets to ensure all relevant PR will take place in a timely manner before the event.

Presentation to Groups:

GB & AB currently booking presentations upon request for garden groups such as, East Barkworth and Willoughby Garden Group, with the aim to give teach how to exhibit at the LDS show. Along with education about the current collection available to view, such as Springfield Horticultural Society set within the Springfields Festival Gardens. IM & AB are available for any groups who wish to book a garden tour which will include the daffodil collection viewing.

Herbaceous Section

GB advised that a duplicate section appeared on the LDS show schedule and this section is under review.

Floral Section

GB raised the question if this should be reinstated. SBC & RH did not think that it was required and SBC had written to Mrs Garlick in the past to ensure there was no disappointment.

Auricular/Primula Introduction to LDS show

GB was approached by Mr A Thorpe who asked if LDS had considered introducing an Auricular and Primula class for the next show. Mr A Thorpe felt that this introduction to the show would encourage more garden groups and he would be happy to demonstrate how to exhibit and take GB through the finer details. AB would be happy to set up a theatre demonstration area for the next show. GB will be meeting with Janet Harwin concerning seed growing. SBC felt that we would need to know how they would be judged such as the variety of different colour leaves and collars. RH advised that his understanding is the same as showing daffodils and the many varieties that are available. DB suggested that the flower pots are all the same size for exhibiting. RH & GB will need to make sure that we start off in a flexible way when considering the rules and regulations for the first year. DN agreed that Auricular and Primula classes to be introduced and herbaceous section not offered at the next show.

Stands

SBC felt that the extra stands that had been provided this year did not allow enough walk way room for exhibitors and visitors to pass through. It seemed that the school's paintings and photographs that had been displayed on the back of the stands was useful but it felt that it was a bit enclosed. GB agreed with SBC comments and felt that it enclosed the area and did not allow a natural flow for the exhibits to be viewed easily as the stands were taller than last year. GB asked if it would be possible to ensure that the area is opened up and if IM & AB would propose a few floor plans to be agreed in advance. IM & AB agreed to complete.

SBC requested for the next show that the stands are all the same size and RH requested flat table for the Auricular/Primula's due to them being in pots and therefore will be wider for exhibiting.

Trophies

DN felt that when the Chairman GB is presenting the award ceremony for JW to present the relevant cups to each winner, that they are passed to her so that she may be assisted and ensure that GB's role is not fragmented and does not need to search for relevant cups and the presentation will ensure GB can complete this with ease.

GB concerned of the whereabouts of the Farrah cup and asked SBC to check if he has it? SBC will check and advise. GB asked is there any records whereby we can see who was issued it last as they may still have it in their possession. RH and GB will check to see if there is a book listing for cups.

Catering

To be provided by Springfields as per last year. GB also noted that there should be provisions made for the judges during the day so that they are catered for! DN suggested that it will be noted that the caterers will be aware of their requirements and lunch will be supplied and if IM could be advised we will make the necessary arrangements.

Scoring

GB has asked SCB to ensure that DB can be trained on the scoring system so that more than one person is aware and this will ensure that not all the work is placed on SCB during the exhibitor's entry time and thereby, ensuring all is allocated correctly.

Sponsorship and Advertising

DB and WI will continue with promoting the ability for local businesses to place an advert to raise money for the next schedule to be produced. RH & SBC advised that the schedules were produced by them to keep the cost down and they were able to run off as many as were required for the show, instead of having a lot left over. RH & SBC advised that they were happy to do the same again for the coming show.

Schools & Groups Daffodil Growing Competition

DN advised that Walker Bulbs were happy to donate three different varieties of bulbs for the school daffodil growing competition. DN has requested at least 50 set of three

different varieties being a total of 75 bulbs for each school or class entry. IM will continue to promote the LDS show for schools, colleges and groups such as Beavers, Brownies and Guides etc. to participate. AB and IM will encourage schools to have in house competition for photography and paintings so that the top entries are put forward for each school and ensuring at least four different age ranges represented. Adrian Jansen had highlighted this as he noticed at the last show that some schools did not have entries for each age range and therefore, some good paintings and photographs were not judged on their merit. IM will ensure this is resolved for next show. DN advised that Sue Lamb (SHS Trustee) had raised concern about the prize monies and that she would ask her contacts if they would like to sponsor so that this will encourage more schools entries and overall benefit them entering. IM advised that Mr A Reed - Executive Head at Haven High Academy has put forward a sum of £1,000 prize for the Boston Academies Federation for schools.

Daffodil of the year

AB & DN advised that the daffodil of the year is Sealing Wax and this will be supplied within the 5,000 bulbs donated by SHS for 2017 Spring bloom displays at the Boston Stump.

Any Other Business

Promotion of LDS show to Groups

JB will approach her contacts at the U3A groups. GB will be offering a LDS membership offer for groups for the sum of £10.00 - £15.00 to see if there will be any uptake. SBC felt that larger clubs may be able to donate £25.00. JB advised that U3A clubs are quite small and maybe it could be communicated an open donation to secure membership /participation. SBC will ask the Hardy Plant Group, DN Lincolnshire Garden Groups and us the yellow book publicity and posters to reach as many groups as possible. GB will ask Sally Grant for assistant with other groups, Red Cross, Lincolnshire Old Churches daffodil shows.

Boston Stump

GB advised Alison Fairman (Boston In Bloom) and Adam Kelk (Boston Stump Head Verger) are organising the local community to be involved in planting over 5,000 Taylor bulbs to be planted around the Boston Stump church, at all different levels to produce a spectacular spring display. This will assist in promoting their flower festival the Saturday before Easter and continuing until during April 2017. DN advised that he has asked for support for planting by the North Sea Camp Group (Emma Wagstaff). DN advised that the garden display and miniature replica of the Boston Stump will be on display at the Boston Stump after the LDS show on the 8/9th April 2017.

GB had asked DN is there would be a possibility to obtain a daffodil to be named after the Boston Stump as a gesture of accreditation of the history of Boston. DN reported that the name put forward by Johnny Walker was Boston Mayflower and this would be available during 2017 with a view to be ready during 2019. GB would like to know the

details of the Boston Mayflower colour classification and DN will obtain the information and advise accordingly. GB felt that among the daffodil displays at the Boston Stump that it would be in keeping with showcasing Lincolnshire lady varieties also and this will be complete by GB in due course.

Newsletter

GB has designed a LDS Newsletter that will be sent out to members twice a year and the first version has been drafted and contributions from JW, LDS, AB & IM to support a 125 word introduction for each individual along with a photograph. DN suggested that it included the Springfield partnership and inside this would include the daffodil collection. JW & SBC thought that any contributions or idea's to support each issue would be gratefully received. GB objective is to ensure members receive communication and information to obtain value for their membership.

Facebook

GB requested assistance from IM for the creation of the facebook page. IM agreed to support the necessary information that was required to support the promotion of LDS.

Website

GB advised that continued improvements and information to be updated. SBC advised all information concerning the last show had been up loaded.

Raising Money

SBC advised that previously that a Tombola draw took place and local businesses donated items to be given as prizes and this was a way of raising funds to ensure LDS was not in a deficit at the end of a show. All agreed and would support the cause by sourcing prizes so that raffle tickets may be sold at the next show.

GB also advises that it is her intention to hold a bar-be-que during July 2017 and charge £15-£20 per ticket to raise funds for the show also.

Date of Next Meeting (Committee)

Saturday 18th February 2017 at Boston Stump Meeting Room, Boston
Annual AGM meeting to be confirmed the third week in October 2017.