

Folk Camps Society Ltd

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at the Greig Hall, Alcester on Saturday 3rd December 2005

1. Attendance & Apologies:- There were 54 Governing and 6 Associate members present, names as noted in the attendance book. Apologies were received from a further 55 members, names as listed in the attendance book

2. Minutes of AGM 27th November 2004 and also EGM 19th June 2005

AGM – Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Pat Kiernan and seconded by Faith Kemp. Carried, nem. Con.

EGM –this was attended by 14 Governing members and 1 associate, names as listed in the attendance book Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Jill Haworth, seconded John Kemp, carried, nem.con.

3a) Matters Arising from AGM

Sue Malleson queried the Department of Transport proposed change of practice requiring planning permission for every site. Pete Hendy replied that the rules at present had remained the same. He mentioned that there had been problems during the last season with regard to logistic difficulties in disposal of sewage. Barry Moule is working on solutions to this.

3b) Matters arising from the EGM

Judy Pierce requested were there any copies of the Articles of Association. Copies are available from the FCS office.

Paul Weir asked about refining the memorandum and articles. Pete Hendy said that we are awaiting approval from Companies House. Chris Butler said that the Charities Commission have responded to say that they are happy with the Memorandum and Articles and that these are now 99% how we would like them to be. Anyone who wants to suggest any future changes should speak to Chris Butler.

Judy Pierce enquired whether the introduction of Proxy voting has proved successful. Pete Hendy said that this is a major step forward in the democratic process. 74 proxy votes were returned of which 55 were to be taken by the chair and 19 by other members.

The Members of the Council of Management were introduced to the meeting.

4. Appointment of tellers for a ballot

Tony Ashley and Dave Bennett approved nem. con

5. Appointment of 3 members to the Council

Originally there were 4 nominations for 3 places, however, one candidate withdrew, therefore 3 remaining nominations were appointed. Ann Tracey, Helen Self and Caroline Grange . It was confirmed that The block vote for confirmation of election was acceptable.

6. Adoption of the Report and Accounts for the Year 2004 / 2005

Vote on report - carried nem. con. Including 51 votes in favour by proxy (chair), none against, floor proxy votes – none against.

Regine de Frettes questioned why fixed assets are not depreciated. Reason for this is that it was agreed on the advice of L.J. Ashman a number of years ago to keep these fixed. Roger Conway explained that none of the equipment is insured as this is too costly in relation to the value of the equipment. The auditor has suggested that we should now review this arrangement.

Chris Butler explained that it is difficult to value some of FCS equipment and that some is being replaced this year which should maintain a rough figure. Sue Malleson queried the £10,000 value

place on this. Pete Hendy said that this will always be a fixed amount as it could cost that much to replace it.

Judy Pierce said that as this sum was set on the advice of the accountants it would more than likely be acceptable as legal. Pete Hendy said that we should accept L.J Ashman's advice as being within the law but Council will check this.

Trading Account

There is a surplus of £7,369, but without investment income and development fund this would be a negative amount. Pete Hendy said that a neutral account is ok. What we need is more people camping so that we can consolidate this position. We had approx 30 new campers this year, which put us in a comfortable position, however, we all need to keep working at getting more people interested.

The 18 month accounting period for the previous year has skewed these figures so we cannot really compare the two years.

Sue Malleson said that she would like to thank people for their hard work in recruiting new campers and getting us to the position we are in now. A number of former members had also returned to folk camping.

Adoption of the accounts, carried nem.con.

7. Appointment of L.J. Ashman & Co. as auditors

Judy Pierce spoke in their favour and proposed that we continue with the same auditors. Mick Green queried the length of time that they have been auditors stating that it is considered good practice to change auditors every ten years or so.

Judy Pierce said, having dealt with L.J. Ashman whilst on Council, that they understand the ethos of the Company. Mick Green said that there are others who would understand how charities work.

Roger Conway informed the meeting that L.J. Ashman has indicated that he is retiring in two years.

L.J Ashman was appointed, proposed by Judy Pierce and seconded by Alan Corkett. Carried, nem.con.

Development Fund – there were no new applications this year. Lizzie French suggested everyone should devote more time to writing music, recording CD's, etc. Pete Hendy reminded people about courses that could be paid for by the Development Fund. eg. First Aid, Food Hygiene, etc. Also that assistant staffing places are funded by the Development fund. £1,466 was spent on this last year.

Appointment of non-council members to Development fund committee:- Lizzie French and Barry Pollard. Proposed by Judy Pierce, seconded by Faith Kemp. Carried nem. con.

Pete Hendy formally closed the meeting at 3.23 p.m.