

Annual General Meeting

on

Wednesday 28 October 2020 by Zoom

at 7.00 p.m.

Minutes

Present

President	- David Nice
Chairman	- Barry Bracken
Vice – Chairman	- Graham Howat
Secretary	- Susan Nice
Treasurer	- Graham Middleton
Committee Members	- Linda Curiel
	- Martin Gerty

Anne Lloyd

8 other members

David Nice welcomed members to what would be a slightly unusual meeting.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from 12 members.

2 Notification of items of Any Other Business

None

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 October 1919

Approved unanimously.

Matters arising None

4 Review of the past year

The year has been very difficult due to the restrictions imposed by the current pandemic, but we managed some events. Our event in the autumn, with contributions by French friends living here, Living with the Rosbifs, was much enjoyed. Our Christmas Lunch was very good and well attended. We had a very successful quiz in January and an excellent wine tasting in March. We also managed a small, informal, gathering on Bastille Day.

Sadly, the visit by our French friends which should have taken place in May has had to be deferred for a year.

(Note: Because of time constraints, items 5, 6, 7 and 8 were “taken as read” and were approved “en bloc”.)

5 Approval of the Accounts for the year to 31 July 2020

The Accounts were approved..

6 Election of Officers and appointment of other Committee Members

All of the existing officers and other members of the committee are happy to stand again and this was approved.

7 Election of Independent Accounts Examiner

Mark Slater is happy to continue; this was approved.

8 Approval of the level of subscriptions in 2021 -22

It was agreed that the level should remain at £10 for a family and £5 for single members.

9 Future events – information and discussion

It is very difficult to make plans for future events at the moment. However we will keep the situation under review and not rule anything out at this stage,

Of most concern is the visit of the French 21 – 24 May. France is in a worst state than the U K and restrictions may still be in place. Barry reported that Christelle, Chair of the French Twinning committee, had told him she thought the French were unlikely to go ahead with the visit re-scheduled for May 2021. It is possible that some English hosts may feel anxious about accommodating people from France. Nigel felt that we should make provisional arrangements, though without financial commitment. We can review the situation in January. We can see what our members are thinking, and also what the French want to do. Barry will advise Christelle that we are keeping the dates open; we are leaving it on the table; but also mention the possibility of re-scheduling the weekend to September/October.

Geoffrey Boardman suggested that it might be possible for meetings to take place on an individual basis and this was thought to be another possibility.

10 Any Other Business

None

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.