**MINUTES of FAA AGM 23/03/2023**

**AGENDA**

* **Apologies**
* **Minutes of Previous meeting.**
* **Chairman's Report**
* **Treasurer's Report**
* **Election of officers and committee (one vacancy)**
* **AOB**
* **Cheese & Wine**
* **Raffle - Table quiz**

1. **APOLOGIES**

Six apologies were notified to the Chairman including our treasurer, Guy and Rosemary Pearce who were abroad.

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Previous minutes were accepted, proposed by John Austin and seconded by John Praite.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

This year saw the completion of Hut 39, costing 13k in received grants, we now look to ensure it is fully utilised and opportunities are being investigated. It is proposed to hold BBQ’s during July and September this year with the offer of monthly Saturday coffee and cake events.

We witnessed a significant increase in water useage, should the coming year present the same issue we may see limitations on the use of hosepipes, watering cans should be used wherever possible. It was noted that the 2022 growing year presented mixed success due to dry weather.

Two toilets are now operational at CP and FR and are being fully utilised.

Felixstowe in Flower received a few entries, tenants should feel free to enter in the coming year. FAA opened our CP site under the national open gardens scheme jointly with a bungalow in Beatrice Avenue which raised a little over £1000, additionally increasing awareness of the benefits of allotments.

OFCA will hold its annual benefit plant and produce sale in June, please donate plants and produce to this cause if you are able to do so. Additionally Felixstowe garden club will hold its annual vegetable show at OFCA on 15th July, this will be open to FAA members, additional information will be available from Claire.

This year's final April meeting of the association will see Capel allotments visit us to talk about how they manage their allotments.

The one way traffic trial at CP running from January to end of April will likely see it becoming a permanent fixture, comments from tenants are to be welcomed prior to this happening.

Kings seeds have made available a facility for members to order directly from their website with a 50% discount applied to seed orders, members are encouraged to use this facility going forwards although paper ordering will still be available in the autumn. It should be noted that this facility can be used multiple times throughout the year.

Potato and onion orders are still delivered through Horticultural Supplies at a good price.

It is proposed that an official closed Facebook group will be initiated this year which will be owned and moderated by an FAA member, this will be used to disseminate information, this will be in addition to the FAA association website.

1. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Accounts were circulated in advance of the AGM.

Guy reports that 2022 was a good year for the FAA with Hut 39 being completed at virtually no cost to the association. Only the interior furnishings were funded by the association and this was from 2021 funding brought forward to 2022.

Thanks should be given to Nev our Chairman for securing the necessary grants used to fund Hut 39.

We have just under 300 members and the membership fees will remain at £7.50 for single and £11.00 for joint membership.

Seed orders no longer generate income as the full discount of 50% is passed on to members, there were some minor problems with the order paperwork that requires refining, however it is hoped that the online ordering system now available will reduce the need for paper based ordering.

Potato and Onion orders will still generate income, with 20/21 spend generating income in 22/23.

Thanks are extended to Keith Horn and Hugh May for help in generating the accounts we currently have about £15K in the deposit account.

1. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE (one vacancy)**

**Chairman** - Nev Farthing

Proposed, Trevor Mason

Seconded, Sandra Jackson

**Treasurer** - Guy Pearce

Proposed, Nev Farthing

Seconded, Ruth Labreton

Guy is happy to continue in his role as treasure for the forthcoming AGM year, however this may become an opportunity for someone in the future, members are asked to consider if this significant role is something of interest to them.

**Secretary** - Steve Brewer

Proposed, Nev Farthing

Seconded, Lillian Eagles

**Committee Changes**

Paul Filby has stood down and Claire Mackinder agreed to stand.

Proposed, Nev Farthing

Seconded, Steve Brewer

**Balance of Committee**

Ray Martin

Keith Horn

John Austin

Claire Smith

Peter Constable

Proposed by Nev Farthing

Seconded by Graham Bragg

The Committee as above was agreed and will be in place until the 2024 AGM.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Nothing raised by those present.

Nev closed the 2023 AGM by thanking the attendees, and will seek out speakers for the 2023/2024 winter meetings.

The AGM was followed by Cheese and Wine together with a table top quiz devised and run by Angela Pratt. A raffle was also held.

**The next AGM will be held on 23/3/24.**