

## **Chesterfield and District Family History Society**

### **2014 AGM**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at St.Hugh's R.C. Church,  
Littlemoor,Newbold Tuesday 2nd September 2014

1. Apologies
  2. Minutes from 2013 AGM
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  4. Chairman's report
  5. Treasurer Report
  6. Secretary Report
  7. Election of officers & Committee
  8. Change in constitution re 'Membership due date' to take effect from 2015 to January 1st.
  9. Increase in Annual Subscriptions.
  10. AOB
- Closure of AGM

### **Minutes**

Apologies Minutes from 2014 AGM

1. Apologies. Neil Wilson - Liz Newberry - Brenda Bubb - Pat Lidstone - Margaret Linacre
2. Minutes from 2013 accepted Proposed by Terry Cocking and seconded Enid Gilthorpe
3. No matters arising.
4. Chair's Report, Keith Fanshawe, attached
5. Treasurer's Report, Keith Feltham, attached.
6. Secretary's Report, Dena Fanshawe, attached
7. Election of Officers & Committee

Marion Yeldham vice president retiring.

Mike Sims questioned the committee about a new vice president.

Keith Feltham answered on behalf of the committee:-

The committee had previously had a discussion and asked if anyone would stand for Vice Chairman, however no-one came forward for the post. The former Vice President's roles have been re distributed.

MS asked 'who would replace the Chair at meetings if the chair was not present? Keith Feltham confirmed that he was well able to carry out this duty and had in the past. Keith Feltham also emphasised that being Vice Chair is not something that people could be forced to do. MS asked for the comments to be minuted..

Voting on block for officers proposed and vote was Unanimous.

Proposed by Terry Cocking & Yvonne Mason

Keith Fanshawe Keith Feltham & Dena Fanshawe duly elected.

7 cont' Election of Committee

All current standing for re-election.

Proposed new committee are:- Yvonne Mason previously seconded in 2014 to stand. And 2 new members Alan Godhard and Jayne Smith.

Proposed motion re voting on block for the Committee as there was no other nominations. Marion Yeldham & Brian Mason

Motion carried unanimous.

8. Change in constitution re 'Membership due date' to take effect from 2015 to January 1st. Following an explanation of the benefits from the officers of the committee, a vote was taken and carried unanimously. The constitution will now be amended to read that Subscriptions will now be January 1st to the 31st of December.

9.DF explained that she had been asked to put something together to read out at the AGM re the rise of the subscriptions. The committee had agreed in principal to the rise but that it should be put before the members with the intention that the members should ultimately encouraged to debate the change and the rise be their decision.

Script attached as read out by DF.

After much debate there was a proposal from Enid Gilthorpe for a single membership to be £10.00 this was seconded Mr Mulloy????? There was a vote and this was carried by 13 to 12 and 26 people were at the meeting without the chairmans personal vote or his carrying vote so was carried.

Meeting closed 7:40

We are asking our members tonight to consider an increase in the membership fees and the change of the membership year

**Changing Membership year from September to January.**

The membership year change may be the easiest to explain, so let us take this one first.

The committee would like to recommend the membership consider that the society's subscription's year end be change from September to January.

Reason for recommendation is that currently Membership and the AGM fall in the same month. By separating the two we anticipate that by the AGM in September 2015 those voting will be fully paid up members, which currently may or may not be the case and really should be.

To implement this we do have to have a vote to change rule 6 of the constitution. All members have been notified.

The good news is that those renewing or rejoining will get 3 months free membership as your subscriptions to bring us all in line as the next subscriptions will not be due until 1st January 1916.

I open this up for discussion, Any question?

Vote:

**Membership Subscription Increase.**

The committee recommend and increase in membership subscriptions.

In 1989 the society was created and subscriptions were £5:00 for a single membership. It has had just one increase to its current price of £7:00 and that is over ten years ago so I am advised by our treasurer.

Why the increase

Your committee would like to be able to re-invest into the society and continue to develop it and also to improve the membership offer. Currently there is not enough margin to be able to explore options.

Currently there is £2000.00 in the bank. This was a gift to the society and without this support the society would have long since folded.

With your permission I personally would like to recommend the £2000 as bench mark, that we as a society aim to maintain. Others may feel differently?

The increase in subscriptions will hopefully enable the society to improve it's members offer and allow the society to progress in a positive manner

We would like to ask members for their views before a vote takes place. We need to find out your own thoughts and proposals?

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