



Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday 20 July 2010

Venue: Hedgecroft, Bracken Lane, Yateley

Present: 39 members and 1 visitor

Hazel Ryder, Chair

Deb Hayes, Treasurer

Jackie Amies, Bookings

Cathy Park, Webmaster

Gillian Clarke

Toni Selves

Bec Handyside, Secretary

Apologies: Sue Butterfield, Vice Chair

1 Welcome by Hazel

Hazel welcomed the members and explained the format of the evening: the AGM and any other 'official' matters, voting for the cushion challenge, voting for next years charity, a buffet supper followed by a few announcements at the end.

2 Change to the Constitution

Prior to the AGM, Hazel emailed all members with the proposed change to the constitution: The current constitution, paragraph 3 reads as follows, '*Management of Village Green Quilters shall be vested in a Committee, elected annually (i) at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall include (ii) Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary. All retiring Officers and Members may offer themselves for re-election to the Committee (iii) for up to three consecutive years.*'

Hazel suggested the following changes:

(i) From 'elected annually' to 'elected every three years'.

(ii) The Committee shall include *as a minimum* Chairman, Vice Chairman...

(iii) Remove 'for up to three consecutive years.'

Jackie Amies and Cathy Park seconded this change.

In addition, Hazel proposed another change: that nominations for a post have to be in one week before the AGM, none to be done on the night.

Hazel asked for a show of hands to show if the members were in agreement - all agreed.

2 Results of nominations for Officers for 2010-13 - Bec

Prior to the AGM, Hazel emailed all members with regards to the following posts that were now open to nominations as these officers had been in their respective roles for three years:

Chair - Hazel Ryder

Vice Chair - Sue Butterfield

Treasurer - Deb Hayes

Membership Secretary - Cherie Cheetham

Bec informed the members that there had been no nominations for the above posts. Bec also informed the members that Sue Butterfield was unable, due to other commitments, to continue for another three years, which leaves the post vacant. Bec explained what the role included and asked if anyone would consider the post. No one came forward.

Bec informed the members that Brenda Ford had nominated to join the Committee without portfolio.

Bec reported that Hazel, Deb and Cherie were happy to continue another three years. However, to make this official, Bec had to check there were no objections to Hazel, Deb and Cherie continuing and Brenda joining. There were no objections. Bec also asked all members to show their hands if they agreed with each post and everyone showed their hand to each person.

Finally, Bec reported that the current tea ladies, Sue, Marion and Gillian were stepping down. However, Angela, Margareta, Dot and Margaret had volunteered to do the teas next year. Coral is also willing to help when she is able to come to the meetings.

3 Treasurer's Report by Deb

Deb informed members of the following financial report for 2009/10:

Bank balance: £1,357.05

Saver Account: £500.20

Banked income: £1,854.00

Expenditure:

Rent: £250.00

Speakers: £676.00

Insurance: £69.40

Misc. inc Workshops, banners, cushions, thank you gifts and party food
£414.71

Money raised for charities: £400.16

4 Membership Report by Cherie

Cherie reported that there were 66 members in 2009/2010.

In addition, Cherie informed members that the annual fee will remain at £22 for the 4th consecutive year. At £2 a month this offers excellent value for money as there is no extra charge for tea and coffee and biscuits every month, or for speakers and the Summer/AGM meal.

5 Programme 2010/11 by Jackie

Jackie confirmed the speakers for the next year. These were:

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September 21st - Isabel Hall - 'My 39 Steps'

October 19th - Barbara Berber - Award Winning Quilts and how to make them

November 16th - Sarah Howard - "A stitch in time - a look at how the Dress and Textiles collection belonging to Hampshire County Museums Service is preserved"

December 14th - Xmas Party

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January 18th - Helen Deighan - My quilts and their stories

February 15th - Sewing Evening run by Natures Threads

March 15th - Ferret

April 12th - Stitch Witches

May 17th - Sheena Norquay with a workshop on May 18th Shining Circles

June 21st - Joanna O'Neill - Becoming a quilt judge

July 19th - AGM and Summer Party

August No meeting

Hazel also informed members that dates for the December meeting and the Easter meeting would be slightly different to the usual 3rd Tuesday of the month - the dates of which will be posted on the website.

6 Raffle by Gillian

Gillian informed the members how important the sale of raffle tickets was as that money goes towards funding tea, coffee, biscuits, AGM meal, and prizes.

7 Charity for 2010/11

Hazel reported to the members that in 2008/09, VGQ raised over £1000 for the Eve Appeal and in 2009/10 just over £400 for three separate charities.

This year Hazel informed the members that the committee had nominated three charities. These charities would be explained by three committee members and then members were asked to vote for their favourite. Voting to be done by putting money in the jar of your chosen charity. Hazel informed members that the charity that raises the most money will be the charity VGQ will support over the next year. Money in each jar will go to the charity named on the jar.

Bec then informed the members about Stepping Stones, a support group for parents and carers of children with Down Syndrome.

Jackie informed the members about the Prostate Cancer Charity.

Deb informed the members about Help the Heroes.

8 Cushion Challenge

Hazel asked members to vote for their favourite cushion (a challenge set by VGQ in December to make a cushion with fabric supplied to them). Hazel informed members that the three top cushions would receive a prize.

9 Other Matters

(a) Thank-you's

Hazel thanked Sue, Marion and Gillian for their help with refreshments and opening up, presenting them with a bundle of fabric each.

Hazel also thanked and presented some fabric to Margareta for her help setting up tables and chairs every month.

(b) Charity

Hazel announced that the winning charity was Stepping Stones, with £24.40 raised.

(c) Cushion Challenge

Hazel announced third, second and first places in the cushion challenge and presented the winners with bundles of fabric.

(d) Raffle

Hazel announced the winner of the raffle and presented the prize, a bundle of fabric.

(e) Show and tell

Several members showed their lovely quilts.

Cathy took photos to put on the website and encouraged members to enter their quilts into competitions/festivals. Hazel reiterated this, as shows would not exist without people entering their quilts.

Hazel also asked members to email pictures of their quilts to Cathy for the website.

(f) Quiz

Elaine Smith gave the members the answers to the quiz questions and announced the winners.

Meeting closed at: 10.30pm

Signed:

Hazel Ryder - Chair

Date: