

**THACS**  
**TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY**

**Minutes of the nineteenth Annual General Meeting held on Zoom on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
March 2021**

**Present**

*Committee members:* Ray Keppler (Chair), Jim Hall (Vice-Chair), Malcolm Allen (Treasurer), Tina Lord (Treasurer), Terry Brand, Lynne Burgess, Alice Greenwood.

*Other members:* Joanne Allen, Peter Burgess, Anne Hall, John Gilley, Linda Gilley, Bridget Keppler, Joy Lawson, Kristina Lawson, Gerry Murphy, David Room, Graham Spring, Marie St. Pier, Hilary Tipping

**1 Apologies for absence**

Mavis Haggard, Ann Lee, Eleanor Lohr, Geoff Whitbourn, Sue Whitbourn.

**2 Minutes of the 2019 AGM**

Ray Keppler explained that as there was no AGM in 2020 due to the pandemic, he was requesting the membership to approve the minutes from the AGM in 2019. These were agreed, with no matters arising.

**Proposed:** Jim Hall

**Seconded:** Alice Greenwood

**3 Chairman's Report for 2020**

Ray Keppler referred attendees to the website to read his report, if they had not done so already.

**4 Treasurer's Report for 2020**

Ray Keppler said the Treasurer's report and the accounts for 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 had been made available on the website. He requested members to approve them.

The accounts were accepted.

**Proposed:** Jim Hall

**Seconded:** Lynne Burgess

Ray expressed his thanks to Graham Spring for his work as Independent Examiner of the accounts.

## **5 Election of Officers, Committee & Auditor for 2021**

The following officers were elected without opposition.

<b>Chair</b>	Ray Keppler (for thirteenth year)	<b>Proposed:</b> Jim Hall <b>Seconded:</b> Alice Greenwood
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Jim Hall (for fifth year)	<b>Proposed:</b> Ray Keppler <b>Seconded:</b> Hilary Tipping
<b>Treasurer</b>	Malcolm Allen (for tenth year)	<b>Proposed:</b> Ray Keppler <b>Seconded:</b> Lynne Burgess
<b>Secretary</b>	Tina Lord (for fifth year)	<b>Proposed:</b> Ray Keppler <b>Seconded:</b> Peter Burgess

The remaining members of the committee, Terry Brand, Lynne Burgess and Alice Greenwood were re-elected.

<b>Proposed:</b> Tina Lord	<b>Seconded:</b> Jim Hall
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The motion that Graham Spring should remain as Independent Examiner for the accounts was accepted by the members.

<b>Proposed:</b> Marie St. Pier	<b>Seconded:</b> Jim Hall
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## **6 Preview of 2021 events**

Jim Hall presented a list of events that THACS were planning for the current year:

- Photographic competition
- Writing competition
- Art competition
- Hanging basket/container display
- Plant exchange
- Autumn Show – 11<sup>th</sup> September
- Arts and Craft Fair – 4<sup>th</sup> December

He said that further information about the undated activities would be announced soon. In addition, there might be a garden visit in the summer and a museum visit towards the end of the year, but this would depend upon Covid restrictions being eased. With regard to the Autumn Show and the Arts and Craft Fair, he stated that the committee was currently proceeding as if these would go ahead as normal, but would keep this under review as the Covid restrictions change. He ended by asking the membership to forward any other event ideas to Tina Lord by email.

## **7 Any Other Business**

Gerry Murphy had submitted a question prior to the meeting, requesting information about how many people had visited the THACS web pages over the course of 2020.

Malcolm Allen gave the following information with the caveat that counting the gross number of hits might be misleading, since this counts the number of clicks rather than visits. However, he felt that a comparison between years would give a good indication of trends.

Hits on all THACS pages showed a steep upward trend for the years 2018 to 2020.

2018	3,267
2019	5,510
2020	7,802

The rise in 2019 probably related to the revamped site going live in September of that year. The further increase in 2020 was no doubt linked to the pandemic and the move to online activity and communications. The news pages alone were accessed 694 times in 2019, more than doubling to 1,421 in 2020.

Malcolm felt that Tewin Writers Online (TWO) had been the major success of 2020. There had been a good number of hits to individual pieces of writing throughout the year with a high of 772 in December, very likely a result of interest sparked by the publication of the *Lockdown Times and Tales* booklet. The actual figures were as follows:

<b>Visits to THACS Creative Writing (TWO) pieces</b>									
	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
	347	340	476	285	383	154	108	221	772
<b>Cumulative Totals</b>		687	1163	1448	1831	1985	2093	2314	3086

Gerry thanked Malcolm for his comprehensive answer. In turn, Ray Keppler thanked Gerry for his hard work and dedication to project managing TWO.

## **8 Date and Time of the 2022 AGM**

Ray Keppler informed the meeting that the provisional date for the next AGM was Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 beginning at 7:30pm at the Tewin Memorial Hall.

**Please note that, because the proposed time clashed with another meeting, the date of the next AGM has been moved to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

The meeting was then closed.