

THACS
TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

**Minutes of the twentieth Annual General Meeting held on Zoom on Monday 14th
March 2022 at 7.30.**

Present

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

Other members: Joanne Allen, Peter Burgess, Mavis Haggar, Anne Hall, John Gilley, Linda Gilley, Bridget Keppler, Joy Lawson, Kristina Lawson, Marie St. Pier.

1. Apologies for absence

Brian Greenwood, Gerry Murphy, Graham Spring, Pauline Spring, Hilary Tipping.

2. Minutes of the 2021 AGM

These were approved without amendment.

Proposed: Alice Greenwood

Seconded: Malcolm Allen

3. Chairman's Report for 2021

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

4. Treasurer's Report for 2021

Ray Keppler said the Treasurer's report and the accounts for 1st November 2020 to 31st October 2021 had been made available on the website. He requested members to approve them.

The accounts were accepted.

Proposed: Terry Brand

Seconded: Marie St.Pier

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

5. Election of Officers, Committee & Auditor for 2021

The following were elected to continue their existing roles without opposition:

Post	Name	Year No.	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Ray Keppler	Fourteenth	Peter Burgess	Lynne Burgess
Treasurer	Malcolm Allen	Eleventh	Ray Keppler	Linda Gilley
Secretary	Tina Lord	Sixth	Ray Keppler	Kristina Lawson

Committee Member	Terry Brand	Twenty-second	Ray Keppler	Linda Gilley
Committee Member	Lynne Burgess	Thirteenth	Ray Keppler	Alice Greenwood
Committee Member	Alice Greenwood	Eighth	Ray Keppler	Linda Gilley
Auditor	Graham Spring (in absentia)		Tina Lord	Terry Brand

Tribute to Jim Hall

Ray announced that Jim Hall had resigned from the committee. He further said that Jim “has been a key member of the committee for eleven years, so we could not let him go without taking a moment to reflect upon his substantial contribution to the society.

Jim joined the committee in 2011, taking on the roles of Distribution Organiser, Open Gardeners Organiser and Assistant Show Secretary. He kept those roles, even when he took on extra responsibilities as Secretary for 2015 and 2016 and as Vice Chairman since 2017. However, he did not let those roles restrict his involvement. He also organised several outings - such as the coach trips to Greenwich, Tate Britain and the National Gallery - as well as quietly getting on with background tasks, such as maintaining our digital archive and repairing poster boards.

Jim is creative, practical, versatile and helpful, attributes that have made him a valued member of the committee and a pleasure to work with. We thanked him for his long service and presented him with an appropriate gift.”

Ray went on to say that there was now a vacancy on the committee and there were a number of tasks, which needed to be reallocated. Thanks to the supportive nature of the committee and good teamwork, these had been taken on by committee members for the Spring Show. However, THACS’ committee was actively seeking new members and asked those present to spread the word to anyone who were interested in horticultural and/or arts and crafts activities.

6. Preview of 2022 events

Ray gave a summary of the events that THACS were planning for the current year, which are as follows:

Spring show	9 th April
Plant exchange	7 th May on Lower Green
Coach trip to Painshill	11 th July
Autumn show	24 th September
Arts and crafts fair	3 rd December

Ray further said that there may be an Art Workshop and/or a Creative Writing Workshop towards the end of 2022.

7. Any Other Business

Joanne Allen said she would like to compliment the committee on the positive manner in which the members worked together in an efficient and effective way.

8. Date and time of 2023 AGM

The 21st THACS AGM will be held in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 6th March 2023.

The meeting was then closed.