

# Derby and Sandiacre Canal Society

## Annual General Meeting

Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 via Zoom

**Present** 21 members

12 voting by proxy

**1. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed members

**2. Apologies**

none

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2019 AGM**

They were agreed as a true record, proposed by Eileen Holland, seconded by David Savidge

**4. Matters Arising**

None

**5. Treasurer's Report**

**Accounts for the Financial year ending 31 March 2020**

Funds up by £1560 over last year

- No costs for working parties, postage or stationery in expenditure.
- The balance in the bank was £7021 in March, we have now paid the pledge of £2500 towards the Draycott dig out.
- The up to date position is that the current balance is £5045.71, we are in a healthy position.

The report was proposed by Chris ReesFitzPatrick, seconded by Anne Madge and carried unanimously.

**6. Chairman's report**

Eddy said that it had been a strange year and his thought were with anyone who has lost a person this year, we are here to support each other. There is a lot of good news coming out of the Trust. He presented a slide show to show the progress being made at all our sites - Spondon, Sandiacre lock, Draycott cottages and the golden mile, Borrowash and the trip boat.

**7. Proposal to amalgamate the Society with the Trust**

At the 2019 AGM, it was proposed and agreed that all society members became members of the Trust, this has resulted in a great deal of duplication of roles.

The proposal now is to formally amalgamate the society into the trust and close the society altogether at the end of this financial year.

Paul Turner, as a founder member, spoke and said that he had initial concerns, mainly about VAT implications and the effect on members, but is now in favour of the merger and feels it would make sense to join them, as the organisation has changed over the years.

Members were reassured that we would still have the Packet, attend shows and hold members meetings in the future. Barbara Hillier asked if members would now be able to vote on the Trustees finances and was assured that the Trust is a registered charity, everything has to be completely transparent and conflicts of interest are declared.

The amalgamation was proposed by Eddy Case, seconded by Jackie Leeming and carried unanimously – 31 votes recorded.

### **8. Election of Officers**

As the amalgamation was agreed by the membership it was proposed that all current committee members would remain in office until the end of the society's financial year in April 2021. This was put to the vote and carried unanimously as follows.

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| <b>a. Chairman</b>          | Eddy Case  |
| <b>b. Vice Chair</b>        | David Savidge  |
| <b>c. Treasurer</b>         | Derek Troughton  |
| <b>d. Secretary</b>         | Anne Madge   |
| <b>e. Committee members</b> | Chris ReesFitzPatrick, Roger Ashmead, Gary Harding,<br>Andrew Baird, Eileen Holland, Keith Johnson |

### **8. Kate Birtles Award**

Eddy explained that this was awarded in memory of Paul Birtles' late wife to recognise a member's outstanding contribution during the year. He presented this virtually to Don Olivant.

### **9. AOB**

Eddy thanked member John Badger who has donated a cheque for £100 towards the printing and distribution costs for the Packet

Paul Wheeldon has sent in a suggestion for seeking a patron for the Trust. He suggested Julia Bradbury. It was felt that we already have a patron, Eddy will look into this.

Eddy emphasised the importance of keeping up to date with the historical aspects of the canal and is looking for any assistance with the archiving.

Chris RFP said that there will be a public zoom meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> with a speaker from the Wilts and Berks canal restoration, more information in the next Chairman's update.

Paul and Jacquie Birtles will be holding their final gin festival on June 26<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Dave Eley asked about the trip boat, which is currently moored at Sheet Stores for the winter.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm



