



Annual General Meeting



Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Twynham Chapel, Christchurch on Saturday 26th January 2002.

Present:

Trustees; Mark Maidment, Dawn Palmer, and David Smith.
Council of Reference members; Dave & Pauline Barry and Richard & Hazel White.
Others: about 25 church representatives and camp leaders.

The AGM:

1 Introduction:

The main proceedings were based on a computer "PowerPoint" presentation. A copy of the presentation can be obtained by email to; agm@hdcyc.org.uk.

2 Absences:

Brian Collie was in hospital after a knee operation and we prayed for him. Dave Cook had a wedding commitment which was booked before he was co-opted as a Trustee.

3 Chairman and welcome:

Mark Maidment, as Chairman, welcomed everyone. He thanked Mark Wolstenholme for help in putting together the presentation, Des Young for lending the computer, Twynham Chapel for providing the venue, and Jane Maidment & Dawn Palmer for organizing lunch. He also said that the questions notified for "any other business" had mainly been incorporated into the presentation and therefore that item would be left until end of the afternoon.

4 Opening prayer:

Dave Barry asked us all to stand for the opening prayer, and referred to the wonderful access we have to God, as Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ. He prayed for the Lord's blessing on campers and leaders at the summer camps and that the arrangements would go smoothly.

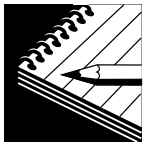
5 2001 Activities Camp Report:

Des Young summarised the "facts and figures" of Activities Camp as well as the great works that God did amongst the young people and leaders. A summary is available on the web site or in the Autumn 2001 Newsletter.

6 Accounts and Treasurers Report:

David Smith apologized for not being ready early enough for these to be incorporated into the presentation. Copies of the Accounts showing the figures for the years ended 30th September 2000 and 2001 had been handed out earlier in the meeting.

"From the financial point of view, we should be very grateful to the Lord that figures were not worse, as we only had income from one camp. Shortage of leaders having cancelled the other two camps." He pointed out that expenses such as insurance and brochure printing were fixed regardless of the number of camps. The payment to the farmer was a matter of Spiritual judgement. Our shorter season would not save him any expense and in any case, 'foot and mouth disease' had caused him a dreadful year. He was also very helpful.



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6 Accounts and Treasurers Report (continued):

There had been a very welcome increase in Leader's contributions, but camper's fees were still 70% of H&D income, although the number of leaders and young children were more than the number of campers in 2001.

Gifts were, three, monthly; others from interested individuals and some churches; and a few larger one-off items. Gift aid arrangements were made where possible. The new tent appeal generated £2,300 and three new tents were purchased before camp. These were of the traditional ridge tent type which had been found to be more robust than the frame tents we had tried. Some small gifts might be used for fly sheets and ground sheets to go with some of our existing tents. Equipment needs would be referred to in the Five Year Plan, but even more, the future of the H&D depended on leaders.

Finally, David urged us to keep in mind the joy of seeing the Lord working among both campers, and leaders.

There were no questions raised on the Accounts, and they were accepted by the meeting. Apologies were offered that the Agenda omitted reference to the reappointment of the Auditor. The Trustees recommended that Peter Green be reappointed, and this was approved.

7 Election of Trustees:

The next part of the AGM presentation proposed the election of Dawn Palmer, and Dave Cook. Both of these were unanimously approved.

Jeff Ballantine then asked how and why arrangements for Trustees appointments had been change. He explained that he and Sarah Horder had been told that they could not be appointed Trustees if they were to be "Appointed" camp leaders. The Trustees explained that problems had been feared over not wishing to reappoint leaders who were Trustees, and they had been advised that it would be better to separate the two rolls. Paul Wareham saw no good reason for this. David agreed that the constitutions made no reference to how Trustees should be nominated and therefore Jeff and Sarah should have been allowed to be voted on if they wished. Being asked, neither of them wished to stand for immediate election.

8 The Camp Constitution:

Keith Horder quoted from the Draft Constitution which had been discussed while he was a Trustee, but David Smith informed the meeting that negotiations with the Charity Commission had never been completed nor the draft constitution put to an AGM for approval. He read to the Meeting an undated two page document which he thought was the valid Constitution. The document held on the Charity Commission file was dated 1977 and did not mention Trustees, but as the Objects clause had not been altered, he did not think filing essential, although desirable.

The intention was that while Brian Collie was on sick leave, he would search the old Minute books to determine what had been approved. Pauline Horder agreed that she had been one of the original Trustees about 1980, but she did not know what document, if any, had been approved. The Trustees accepted that the doubts were unsatisfactory and it was agreed that documents would be circulated and brought to a special meeting as soon as possible.



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The Trustees were also asked why no AGM had been called last year. David pointed out that although attendance at AGMs had often been small, there was no good reason why a call last year had never been made.

9 Camps for 2002:

The following comments were made after this part of the presentation: The order of future camps was not permanently set. The Challenger Camp for 16-20 year-olds in particular, was more affected by competing events and attempts had already been made to avoid these. There may have still been some conflicts.

Jeff Ballantine asked about the Trustee's views on "peer leadership" and the Chairman said the enquiries by the Trustees were continuing. Jeff asked that his Church members be judged by their "fruit". Barbara Benson expressed her support for younger leaders.

Dave Barry asked Des Young about activities and Des explained that the final list depended on the leaders available. He was keen on extending on-site activities, and would also restrict, as far as possible, buying-in of activities led by non-Christians.

For the Explorer Camp, the meeting asked about a couple, specially to minister to younger leaders. It was informed that such arrangements had already been made for 2002, although it was also pointed out that it was not a new post. It had been done in the past, but did depend on suitable leaders being available

10 Any other business:

Plans were in hand for future Prayer days. See the web site for details.

The reference in 2001 literature to "all leaders being committed Christians" had been removed in the light of "prejudice legislation". It had only been breeched in the past in a few very special circumstances and the relevant leaders had only carried out appropriate duties. The blessings to the leaders might have been spiritually great and in the case thought to be in mind, the camp work had been greatly helped by the individual.

Into the Future:

Along side the AGM the following presentations were made:

Child Protection Policy and Youth Committee:

Dawn Palmer presented the work that the Trustees had been doing to meet the new legal requirements for protecting the young people in our care. The policy will form part of each leader's training. A copy is available from our web site.

Five Year Plan:

Mark Wolstenholme presented the latest on our Five Year Plan, making copies of the new leaflet available. The plan is there to make our organisation and facilities the most suitable for the type of holidays we will need to run in the 21st century. See our web site for more details.

Closing prayer:

Mark Maidment closed the meeting and led us with thanks to the Lord.