



Minutes of AGM



November 18, 2006

Comments:

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at St John's Church, Wimborne, Dorset on Saturday 18th November 2006.

Action:

Present: David Smith (Trustee), Caroline Gatehouse (Trustee), Jayne Lock (Trustee), Mark Wolstenholme, Jenny Cook, Sarah Sherwood, Karen Blackmore

Apologies: Brian Collie, Richard Gardiner and Dave Cook

Matters arising from the AGM of 18th November 2006:

1. The Chair, David Smith opened the meeting at 2.35pm with a reading from Matthew chapter 28 v20, and brought out God's promise of being with us until the end of the world, that God loves and cares for each of his disciples despite them being scattered.

2. **Opening Remarks:**

The Trustees apologised for being thin on the ground due to commitments and family concerns. Richard Gardiner is likely to as a Trustee due to distance and work commitments making it very difficult for him to give all the time that he feels the responsibility deserves. Jayne Lock has been asked to join the Trustees to which she has accepted. Jayne was welcomed as a new Trustee.

The AGM was not expected to be a big event as there wasn't anything significant to make public at this time and that the Trustees were planning a bigger Spring get together where more concrete plans could be announced following the Trustees work that came from the Summer review held at the beginning of camps this year. That in turn was a follow on from Jeff Ballantine's reading of Jeremiah 6 at the 60th celebrations in 2004. H&D will be looking forward to some formal changes, whilst also looking back at, and getting back to, its original focus.

3. **Prayer:**

There was a time of group prayer.

4. **Camp Summary and Newsletter:**

No presentation about the camps was made, although the recent newsletter had contained a summary of each holiday. The Autumn newsletter had been sent to all leaders on the mailing list. Mark explained the leader database and said he would check Caroline's details as she had not received anything.

5. **Accounts 2004:**

David Smith handed out the accounts.

- a) Total income for the year was £30,672. Total Expenditure was £26,132. This left a surplus of £4,540 which was welcome because the previous two years had seen a deficit.



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4. **Accounts 2004** (continued):

- b) Fees were £19,630. The number of campers attending was up by about twelve on 2005 and the cost had also been increased by £10 a holiday. Holidays for 2007 will also increase by £10 each. Leaders contributions were up slightly on the year before which pleased David.
- c) Transport charges had increased slightly from last year. Opportunities to borrow buses from churches was likely to get less especially as new rules for child restraint come into force. Toilet fees had also increased due to the additional hire of a urinal block.
- d) Insurance costs remained static thanks to the efforts of Mark Maidment. Accident insurance was about £13 per head.
- e) Food was only slightly up on last year and came to about £25 per head. There was a loss on the bookshop but this wasn't considered a problem as items from the bookshop were often used by the spiritual leaders as prizes etc. Some monies may also have been put in with the tuck.
- f) Gift Aid – In the past questions have been raised about leaders being able to make their donation as Gift Aid. After looking in to it again David explained the current Inland Revenue rules. The issue was how much leaders “benefited” from their contribution. For amounts between £0–100 the benefit must not be more than 25%, so the answer was no!
- g) Peter Green has resigned as our auditor. This was not due to any problems with H&D or the accounts! David explained that there has been a steady decline in the number of auditors and this is proving to be an increasing problem for many charities and not just H&D. David asked that if anyone knew of a local auditor to please let him know.
- h) No questions of the accounts were raised. Copies of the accounts are available upon request.

5. **Equipment storage – condition of the “Chapel”:**

The condition of the Chapel store at Rempstone came to a head this year with the consensus that it could no longer store our equipment in a secure and dry manner and without risk of damage by rodents etc. Its extreme age and poor condition meant trying to renovate the existing building would not be a wise use of our limited funds. The Trustees have been looking into what we own or not, in terms of the building and the land it sits on, so that we can begin a project to replace the building.

The Trustees are looking at using the Site Fund for rebuilding. As this project falls outside the original intent of this fund, main contributors will be contacted before proceeding.



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6. Sweet consumption on camp:

Comment was made about the problems had on camp with children buying too many sugary sweets to get a sugar-high. This was not restricted to the camp tuck shop but also to sweets bought whilst the campers were out in town. Limits on spending were introduced on the junior camps whilst endeavouring to balance that with their enjoyment. Some thought to the range and type of sweets sold on camp will be made for next year.

7. Study and Prayer Day: (Friday 21st July 2006)

Caroline Gatehouse reported on the day of study and prayer held to explore the direction and future of H&D. The event took place on our site the day before the first camp of the summer. The Trustees had invited a number of leaders both past and present and a guest speaker who had experience in managing such studies. The event was the result of the word that Jeff Balantine had brought to the 60th Celebrations in 2004.

Five action points had come from the day and a draft copy of the Vision Plan drawn up. In the spring the Trustees will develop this action plan and bring it to a wider audience.

8. Overall Leaders for 2007:

The names of the Overall Leaders for 2007 camps were due to be confirmed today, but will now be announced in January.

9. Close of meeting:

David thanked St John's for their hospitality and closed the A.G.M in prayer. The meeting finished at 3.25 pm.