



BDS AGM 20th NOVEMBER 2021

Held at the Bosworth Hall Hotel, Market Bosworth

Mr Neil Wray Chairman opened the meeting at 2.00 pm.

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentleman before I start housekeeping rules, no fire alarms planned, so if the alarm is raised we must all leave the room. We will begin, welcome to the 2021 AGM and it is nice to see so many of you especially when we still have concerns with Covid-19 who anyone who does not know me, I am Neil Wray, Chair of the Society. We will confirm minutes of previous AGM, matters arising there from and receive my report followed by financial report from Dec 2020. Confirm appointments to council, presentation of awards and questions and suggestions from members, if we have time we will accept questions from the floor.

Apologies from absence Penny Hopkins Chair Welsh Branch, Kendall Young Chair Scottish Branch, Sally Walrond, Barrie Luck Chair Judges Committee, Emily Ham Young Drivers Commissioner, Hazel Woodbridge, Mark Fuller, Colin Pawson, Brian and Tracey Ball, Pat Calderbank, Joanne Holland, Sharon and Derek Wootton, Jane Brightwell, Nigel Fuller.

Move on to Agenda to confirm minutes of 2019 and 2020 AGM and you should all have both sets of the minutes printed.

1. To confirm minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 19th October 2019 at Bosworth Hall Hotel, Market Bosworth.

Proposed Robert Robertson Seconded Heather Noad

1. To confirm minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 12th December 2020 held by Zoom.

Proposed Allen King Seconded Jean Clayden.

Both carried by majority.

2. Matter's arising therefrom: I am not aware of any matters arising, does anyone have any to raise, no matters arising.

3. To receive the Chairman's Report:

4. To receive the Annual Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2020 Add Neils report from email

Question from Tony Gregory: Why did the AGM held by Zoom cost £10,000 and why did the finance committee fail, how has it been re formatted, is that why you are presenting accounts today:

The person sharing the finance choose to resign in 2019, because council had been deliberately lied to over financial matters, finance chairman mislead council, on the back of that she choose to resign, we struggled with finding volunteers to want to take on responsibility, the finance has been managed by present council and would be interested if anyone would like to step forward to take this position, no offers from the floor

The Zoom AGM did not cost the society any monies and TG apologised as did not have his glasses on to read the correct line and figures. Matter resolved
Roger Page included that whomever is running finance, could they come and run his business as they are obviously doing a good job from the financial report.

5. To confirm the appointments of the BDS Council:

Appointments of council we had 4 nominations so no need for an election, and if we think about the back drop to that, competitive election 2020 no one stood because of the pandemic, this year we have been very fortunate to have good strong candidates, those four people are Amy Bracey, Mike King, Nicola Salter and Emily Ham, in my mind brilliant news, we have them joining us, any questions of appointments to council, non-received.

6. Presentation of Awards (Leaf Spring, Rally Miles, etc):

Passing to Antonia Gallop. Drive for fun 21 was an initiative during the pandemic when we did not know what was going to happen, it was time to lead on from the virtual events of social media, whilst we have rally miles it was an award for people with no transport who drive at home. Members registered to take part and log their miles 100, 200 and 300 send them in for bronze, silver and gold awards. told us their stories, they also sent us messages and photo's through the year, we were very lucky that Joanne Parrott from Take The Reins sponsored one random winner with a £100.00 voucher, and we also ran a photo competition for all those that took part, if you did not manage to achieve the miles then there are also reginal rosettes being processed, we can't call it drive for fun in 2021, any new name please let us know, and we will continue with the challenge, if getting fit for competition or just drive at home, it's for everyone thanks for all the stories the next award is the leaf spring.

Malcolm Salter has kindly overseen the Leaf Spring award since it first started in 2021, whilst he was on council and Mr Toby Brown is invited to present the Leaf Spring Awards, this award was to promote the use of traditional carriages as this was on the decline, the award over the years has been sponsored by The Vyse Family and who own some great carriages and some beautiful carriages which I have benefited from as well, it is great sadness of the great loss of Karen Vyse this year, that the award is being funded by the BDS in memory of Karen Vyse, it was carried over for 2020/2021 let's hope there is less destruction next year. The winners were: Josie Randall- Leyswick Farvie's Boy, Liz Edmonds- Leyswick The Real Deal, William Turner- Bodwenth Amber Prince, Leah Redsell and Billy Murrell- Nutfields The Contender, Felicity Stubbs- Valentine Amber, Kate Cooper-Issy Wotnot and Trindod Wildcat, John Snowdon- , John Walker-Wraby Lucy and ,Nicola Salter-Ewyn Pepsi. Next was the Veteran Award to promote our super seniors enjoying their driving some of the winners from this years awards presented today are Sue Cole and Sam the Man and Rosemary Neale, also Sue Cole collecting her Rally Miles of 200 and 400 miles.

Our next very special award being presented by Toby Brown, is a very special award, the Society's Medal of Honour today we are going to present to John Richards OBE, John was past Chairman of the BDS from 1973- 1975 and he always upheld the traditions and standards, his ongoing work as past president of the Coaching Club and High Sherrif, 50 years of Duke of Westminster work class carriage collection, recipient of the Coachmakers Carriage Award at the BDS Annual Show in 2021, immense contribution to the BDS and a wonderful speaker, with so much more besides, John Richards remarked it was a privilege to receive this Medal from the BDS.

7. To receive suggestions/questions from Members:

Leah Swindlehurst
Gill Reynolds
Hazel Woodbridge

Malcolm Salter: In the fact we have just lost our Patron, are we going to have a commendation – yes we are in further talks about a Royal Patron, with correspondence as we speak and are expecting an answer in the next few weeks, Toby Browne has held brokerage this, and we named a ring at the BDS Annual Show after Prince Philip, and we are looking to give an award in his honour.

Tony Gregory: He was unable to attend both AGM's for the BDS and BCC as they clashed, could this be sorted that they could attend both – Reflecting on how today has gone, and we will be in talks with BC who had joined us today for a joint Dinner and Dance later, we hope to join back with them next year, and arrange different timings.

Rosemary Neale: Will we be celebrating the Platinum Year of HM Queen – Plans are already in place for special events and awards at the BDS Annual Show and other BDS Events.

The Meeting closed at 15.56pm with Neil Wray saying that he had hoped that you are all heartened by what you have heard, and I hope a number of you will be staying on for the Dinner and Dance this evening, thanking everyone that attended and wished them a safe journey home.