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History Live

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 1st August 2018 in Hollinsclough Chapel Hall

Margaret welcomed everyone to the meeting and said how pleased she was that so many had been able to come.

1 Present: Margaret Black, Hilary Brindley, John Brindley, Kay Gregory, Shelia McHale, Janet Nash, Liz Rhodes, Deborah Barham Smith, Elspeth Walker, Dave Watkinson, Susie Watkinson, Eric Wood.

2 Apologies: no apologies have been received.

3 Minutes of AGM held 2nd August 2017. These were approved with no matters arising.

4 Election of Officers:

The following were elected for the coming year:

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| Chair | Margaret Black |
| Vice Chair | Deborah Barham Smith |
| Treasurer | Vacant |
| AGM Minute Secretary | Janet Nash |
| Catering | Elspeth Walker |
| Cashier / Door | Eric Wood |
| Publicity | Janet Nash / Deborah Barham Smith |

5 Chair's report

Margaret presented her 2017/18 report. She thanked all those who had contributed to the successful organisation of meetings and reminded us of the range of topics and speakers that we had heard. Thanks are also due to Teresa for running the Christmas raffle which raised £84 for Air Ambulance. Margaret also mentioned the additional events – two summer walks and the study group run by Brian Rich. (Chair's full report will go on website)

6 Treasurer's Report

Liz presented her final report, the financial position continues to be healthy with £1738.15 balance at 30th June. Liz was presented with a card and flowers and thanked for her work as Treasurer. Janet was asked to send out an email asking for another volunteer Treasurer.

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7 Selection of Speakers

Margaret described the speakers who have been lined up for the next season – a very interesting and wide range of topics. She had been a little concerned that the speakers she had booked might not reflect the range of interests of History Live as a whole. Although members had been asked for suggestions a while ago, Janet was asked to email again later in the year for suggestions for topics or recommended speakers for the 2019/20 season.

8 Frequency of Meetings

There have been suggestions that February or March meetings might be cut due to weather problems, with more summer meetings taking place to compensate. The pros and cons were discussed and it was decided to keep meetings as they are for now. Janet was asked to remind visitors to check the Flash Bar and Winking Man webcams.

9 Safety – maximum number of visitors

During the past season we have occasionally run out of chairs and visitors have had to stand to listen to talks. On one occasion people chose not to stay because the hall was too full with no standing room. While it is great that History Live is so popular we have concerns about health and safety. This was discussed at length and the following was decided:

- Elspeth to check fire policies with the Chapel Hall (Brenda Davies)
- A standard 'what to do in case of fire' announcement to be made at the beginning of every meeting
- Limit numbers to 40 per meeting, which is the number that can be seated in comfort. Janet will include this on each meeting notice so that visitors know to come early.

10 Any other business

There was no further business.