

Rusland Valley Horticultural Society

Minutes of meeting held on Friday 27th November 2015 at 7:30pm

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies and attendance as per the AGM held prior.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th September 2015 were read out and approved.

3. Matters Arising

a) Show field layout:

- It worked well and we should keep it the same for next year.
- We will do a plan of the show field as a handout.

ACTION: Amy Hool to organise as part of the schedule production.

b) We will not be using Hill Foot Garden Center sponsorship in the future. Jeanie has spoken to the Potato Day providers and they are happy to step in.

ACTION: Jeanie Woodhouse to clarify what they'll provide.

c) Tom Watson is retiring from running the tents, several people are going to share the job between them including Tony Atkinson and Noel Waller. Tom will continue doing the bookings for the next 12 months.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Review of matters arising from 2015 show

Catering

We are waiting for the invoice from Cath and will continue to chase her for the details. We think she is happy to do next year, but should firm this up by February.

ACTION: Antony Meanwell to get confirmation from Cath and ensure that we get some soft baps next year, also let her know that we are not interested in salad in the future.

We need to give Cath a price for the tickets. This year we allowed £7.50 per person but maybe for some that's too much.

ACTION: Antony check what the average spend was and organise different coloured tickets for judges v others.

6. Re-payments of loans to the show field

We've only just got the numbers and Richard Dobson has done an overall view of possibilities.

ACTION: Antony: Set up a sub-committee meeting to discuss and come back to the main committee in February.

7. Show field update

Natural England have gone quiet and we haven't heard anything.

The water has stayed in the beck although it's been low until recently, the improvements seem to have worked well.

8. Potato day

Posters were handed out for displaying by Jeanie.

Jeanie has advertised the day widely and will advertise again after Christmas.

We will need floats

We need soup and cakes

We need volunteers for setting up on the Saturday

ACTION: Jeanie to email everyone to organise volunteers.

9. AOB

None.

10. Date and time of next years meetings

In 2016 all meetings will be held on **Friday** evening at **7:30pm** as follows:

- 5th February
- 3rd June
- 22nd July
- 9th September
- 18th November (includes the AGM)