

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
ROYAL JERSEY AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Held on **Thursday 19th May 2022** at 7.30 pm,
in the Members' Room at the Royal Jersey Showground

Item 1) Call to order, welcome and to receive apologies for absence:

The President welcomed members to the AGM noting that a full set of agenda papers had been posted on the Society web site.

Present: Mr Rob Perchard (President & Chairman), Mr Martin Preisig, (Vice President, Horticultural Dept), Mr Steve Le Feuvre (Treasurer, Agricultural Dept), Mr Jeremy Neil (Treasurer, Horticultural Dept), Mr James W Godfrey (Chief Executive & Secretary of the Society, who took the minutes), Mr David Hambrook (Manager, Jersey Island Genetics), Rachelle Robinson (Secretary, Horticultural Department), Mr Graham de Gruchy (Hon. Life Member), Mr Colin de la Haye & Paulette de la Haye, Mr Max de la Haye (Hon. Life Member), Mr Steve Falle, Mr Derrick Frigot MBE (Past President & Hon. Life Member), Christine Gill, Mr Charles Le Cornu (Past President & Hon. Life Member), Mr John Le Feuvre (Past President & Hon. Life Member), Sarah Le Feuvre, Mr Andrew Le Gallais, Mr Alan Le Troquer & Ivy Le Troquer, Mr Paul Houzé, Mr John McMullon, Mr & Mrs Nick Middleton, Mr Ian Mitchell (Past President), Jo-Ann Perchard, Mr Tom Perchard, Dr David & Annie Pope, Mr Graham & Pam Querée, Mr Kevin Roberts, Mr Tom Robinson, Jennifer Rendell, Doreen van der Vliet, Muriel Renouf, Mr Neil Fauvel, Collette Bisson (Hon. Life Member), Mr Martin Rouault, Also present was Mr Don Connolly of Messrs Alex Picot (the Society auditors).

Apologies: The Lieutenant Governor of Jersey, the Bailiff of Jersey, the Dean of Jersey, Mr Richard Leith (Vice President, Agricultural Dept), Mr David Leng, Miss Becky Houzé, Mr Dave Cottrell, Mr & Mrs Laurence Agnès, Jill Amy, Jennifer Ellenger, Mr Alasdair Crosby, Pam Laurens (Hon Life Member), Mr Graeme Le Marquand, Yvonne Aston, Helen Hickman, Anne Pains, Betty Quenault, Ian & Beverley Le Marquand, Pat Jackson, Mr Derek Russell, Cathy Le Feuvre, Jo Dauny, Vicky Le Feuvre, Phyllis de Gruchy, Jennifer McMullon, Mr John Hidrio (Hon. Life Member), Barbera Hidrio.

Item 2) To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 8th July 2021:

The minutes were approved on the proposition of Paul Houzé and seconded by Graham Querée, with all in favour and were duly signed.

Item 3) To discuss any matters arising from the minutes:

There were no matters arising.

Item 4) To receive the Annual President's, Treasurer's and Departmental Reports for 2021:

The President noted that reports covering the year 2021 had been posted on the Society web site, and would be reproduced in the forthcoming journal. In commenting on the broad, and growing, range of activities undertaken by the Society he noted that this could only be achieved by great teamwork between the staff, the Officers, committees, volunteers and members. He thanked everyone for their important contribution to ensuring that the Society could again report on another successful year. The reports were adopted on the proposition of Christine Gill and seconded by Andrew Le Gallais.

Item 5) To receive the consolidated accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021:

The President noted that the accounts had been posted on the Society website as advised and introduced Don Connolly, from Society auditors Messrs Alex Picot, who presented the accounts and commented on the audit process.

Mr Connolly, provided an over view of the how each section of the Society had performed positively contributing to a surplus of some £125,000 and enabling income to be retained in the investment reserves. The main improvement in revenue can be seen in the Showground income,

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as events had been able to restart after the pandemic restrictions. He also commended how well overhead and employment costs had been controlled during the period of uncertain income. He explained that his firm had completed the audit and was able to confirm that the financial controls and procedures in place were satisfactory in terms of managing the Society finances. He also noted the important contribution made by Marc Couriard in preparing the accounts.

Steve Le Feuvre wished to record his thanks to the whole staff team for working so diligently for the benefit of the Society, and to James Godfrey for providing such effective leadership.

The President thanked Mr Connolly for his support and asked for any questions. Andrew Le Gallais congratulated the Council on a good set of results and asked where the Business Disruption Loan and Fiscal Stimulus Grant appeared within the figures. Mr Connolly was able to point out that the balance of the loan remaining was split between short and long term creditors on the balance sheet. He also noted that the bulk of the monies received under the grant would appear in the 2022 accounts as funds had been received after the year end in question.

Andrew Le Gallais noted that the accounts had become much more complex over the years and wondered if there might be a way of simplifying their presentation especially regarding the large sums involved in the Dairy for Development work. It was agreed that this be looked at for next year. Ian Mitchell asked if there was felt to be much risk involved with the Dairy for Development programmes. Mr Godfrey explained that the risk was managed as the Society had received guarantees regarding the funding streams allocated to the various projects, an outline of which appears in the Agricultural Department report, and noted the high esteem in which the Dairy for Development team, ably lead by David Hambrook, was held by the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission.

There were no further questions on the accounts, and the members unanimously accepted their presentation on the proposition of Andrew Le Gallais, seconded by Ian Mitchell.

Item 6) To elect one member to the Council to serve a term of three years (2022 to 2024 inclusive):

The President reported that one nomination had been received for David Leng, proposed by Robert Perchard and seconded by Richard Leith. The President declared that, with no other nominations received, Mr Leng was duly elected.

Item 7) To elect one member to the Agricultural General Committee to serve a term of three years (as above):

The President reported that one nomination had been received for Sarah Le Feuvre, proposed by Derrick Frigot and seconded by Charles Le Cornu. Mr Frigot was pleased to make the nomination saying that there was no better person in Jersey to protect the integrity of the Jersey breed. The President declared that, with no other nominations received, Mrs Le Feuvre was duly elected.

Item 8) To elect two members to the Horticultural General Committee to serve a term of three years (as above):

The President reported that two nominations had been received; one for Steven Falle, proposed by Paulette De La Haye, and seconded by Tom Robinson, and one for Ian Le Marquand, proposed by Tom Robinson and seconded by Colin De La Haye. Following enthusiastic speeches from the two proposers the President declared the two nominees duly elected.

Item 9) To approve the annual subscription to be effective from 1st January 2023:

The President explained that the Council were recommending that subscriptions should remain unchanged from the current with: Individual Membership at £30, Joint Membership at £45 and Junior Membership at £7. The recommendation was proposed for adoption by Steve Le Feuvre, seconded by Martin Preisig with all in favour.

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Item 10) To award Honorary Life Membership to Mr Graham Querée:

The President invited Martin Preisig to present the Certificate of Honorary Life Membership to Graham Querée. Mr Preisig spoke of Graham's long association with, and service to, the Society, having first joined in the early 1960's, initially through his career in agriculture. He then listed Graham's many achievements in the field of horticulture, including founding the Jersey Rosarians and winning numerous awards and medals, along with his wife Pam, and his stalwart help and advice on various committees. Mr Querée thanked the Council and members for the award commenting on how much he appreciated the honour and acknowledging how his accomplishments could not have been possible without the help and support of his wife Pam.

Item 11) To conduct any other business:

Martin Preisig made a presentation of a bouquet of flowers to Rachelle Robinson for her exceptional work as Horticultural Department Secretary, the increasing success of the department shows was due to her efficient and welcoming support for exhibitors.

There was no other business raised and the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

These minutes were signed subsequently, on adoption, on the (date) by:

The President / Chairman:.....

Vice President (Agricultural Dept):.....

Vice President (Horticultural Dept):.....