

ABPS



Extraordinary General Meeting
Held at 12.30 on 26th July 2014
at the
Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough. LE16 7NJ

Chair : John Baron

John Baron stated that the purpose of this meeting was to “Amend the Articles of Association in accordance with the proposed changes” as published as the draft constitution in the red booklet previously circulated and available to all members of the Association of British Philatelic Societies.

JB noted that the constitution would require detailed work over the following years but it was essential to approve this constitution as presented to create a format that could and would be amended in future.

JB from the chair proposed that the published Draft Constitution be adopted. There was unanimous approval from delegates present and when specifically called no opposing vote was registered.

It is also confirmed that all proxies registered and verified as voting members of the Association of British Philatelic Societies also approved the adoption unanimously.

Note : Two of the proxy votes submitted were rejected by the General Secretary.

One duplicate and one from a non-member of ABPS. (For the record both were also positive)

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 12.45

on Saturday 26th July 2014

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1. **Apologies for Absence** : Alan Watson (Assoc. of Scottish Phil Socs) and Len Stanway (Assoc of Essex Phil Societies)
2. **Minutes of 2013 AGM** : The circulated minutes were approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising** : No matters arising.
4. **Adoption of the Accounts to December 2013** : Nigel Gooch, Company Secretary and Treasurer answered a question followed by a supplementary question on interest receivable from Nick Bridgewater (Midland Federation). As there were no further questions adoption was proposed by Dane Garrod and seconded by Stephen Parkin and carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report for 2013 :

I am pleased to be able to welcome you all to this year's AGM in Market Harborough.

Over the past twelve months I have to report that two of the senior members of the ABPS have passed away. Geoff Longbottom has been ill for some time but despite his illness continued to support the Executive in any way that he could. I am pleased that I was able to see Geoff in Norwich Hospital following the amputation of both his legs. He was as cheerful as always even apologising for having to give up his role with the production of the Directory and Speakers List. Ian McPherson was the Scottish representative for a number of years and he regularly attended meetings anywhere in the country. I always saw him at Scottish Congresses and ABPS events. Both will be sorely missed, their humour and knowledge will remain a memory.

I am very pleased that the Constitution has been accepted at the EGM earlier and I must record my appreciation of all the work done by Colin Hoffman for his legal input into the document. The agreed document will soon be on the website for all to see. This document was significantly out of date with changes in Company Law that are now incorporated. I found it difficult to understand in the previous format and I took the decision to rewrite the document. As far as I am concerned this has lifted a major burden off my shoulders which hopefully will allow me to be more interactive with Federations driving the ABPS forwards. This additional free time has arrived at a time when I will need to reduce my input for the rest of this year and in the first two/three months of next year. I have recently discovered that I am among many men who have Prostate cancer and I will be undergoing radiotherapy in October/December. I am looking forward to making a recovery and resuming my role on a full time basis in April.

This year it has been different in that we have had a Congress in Ypres where the signatories to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists will have signed the Roll of Honour. It is unfortunate that I was unable to attend but I understand from those who attended that the event was a significant success. My appreciation goes to Chris King and Patrick Maselis who coordinated the event. It was a welcome call from Paul Gaywood indicating that he and Gerald Marriner were prepared to organise a UK event at Market Harborough and I thank them for all the work that they have done to produce this event. It also allowed me the opportunity to be able to present to Chris Oliver the Congress Medal for services to ABPS. Many thanks Chris.

On the Federation front I was asked to be involved with John Dickenson in the reorganisation of the East Midlands and East Anglian Federation and with very helpful volunteers this has been achieved with the Mid-Anglian Federation being formed. I will continue to watch over its development especially as I have recently moved to Northamptonshire. The other major item to report on is a survey conducted by Nick Bridgewater within the Midlands Federation. Again when my health allows I will be following the results of the survey closely.

The executive committee has been very supportive during this year and I extend my personal thanks to Willie King, John Davies, Chris and Susan Oliver, Francis Kiddle, Chris King, John Walden, Nigel Gooch and especially to Paul Gaywood who as senior vice chairman for standing in for me on a number of occasions. Also included in the thanks are Gerald Marriner, Keith Burton, John Dickenson, Alan Godfrey, Dane Garrod, Peter O'Keeffe and John Woodson

Wishing all members well and successful collecting and I look forward to seeing you all at Leeds next August under the Chairmanship of Yvonne Wheatley

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6. **AOB** : No items were submitted and no items from the floor.
7. **2015 AGM** : This to be held in Leeds during the 2015 ABPS Congress. The exact time and date to be advised in due course in ABPS News and on the ABPS website.
8. **Closing Notes** : Chairman John Baron thanked delegates for their attendance and for supporting the motion at the EGM. JB thanked Colin Hoffman for his analysis and report and to all ABPS officers for their support during 2013. The meeting closed at 13.10.