

RGS committee Meeting – Sunday 7 October 2018 at 9.00 am

1. Jackie welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies for absence from Patrick Crawford, Gill Tamsett, Greg Willcox and Alison Linton.

Present were:

Jackie Savage,	Carol Martinez	Helen Finch
Shirley Gillbe	Mariangela Renshaw	Vivian Fowler
Georgina O'Reilly	Janis Humberstone	Pat Dark
Elizabeth Smart	Mike Cooper	Elaine Barnwell

2. To note the agreed minutes of the meeting on Sunday 2 September 2018

These minutes, agreed ex committee, were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

i) **Water** – Negotiations taking place with Enable to pay water bill. This is now part of the bigger negotiation re rent on the new lease.

Action: JS, HF

ii) **Lease / Charity update** (PC) from Patrick: At last there is an agreed date for a meeting with Wandsworth on Tuesday, 20 November at 10.00 am at the Town Hall. Alan Strowger, Helen Finch and Patrick will attend on behalf of RGS. Peter Tiernan has asked for an Agenda and Alan and Patrick will prepare, when Patrick returns from holiday. The group will have a pre-meeting on 30 October. As agreed at our meeting with Anthony Fitzsimmons, they will explain at this meeting our considerable concerns with regard to the present draft 8.6 Heads of Terms. They will also seek agreement from Wandsworth for the need for a peppercorn rent; even in conjunction with renewing the present lease. This shows our steadfast resolve to ensure that we obtain a lease that is of true benefit to the RGS. The other matter that we discussed at meeting with Anthony was the need for political input. JS has begun to address this and Cllr Steffi Sutters will present the trophies at the AGM.

4. Chair's report

i) Draft Agreement, Rules and Policies ready to present to AGM. The committee had been sent the link to the documents and asked to read them before the meeting.

<http://www.roehamptonallotments.co.uk/about-2/committee/>

Jackie asked if there were any comments and thanked people for their input, especially to Helen and Shirley. It was agreed that they be presented at the AGM for ratification by members. JS to send Enable (V Selby) for information.

5. Show Saturday 8 September 2018

The Show was deemed to be a great success with plenty of exhibits and cakes for the refreshment stall but short on plants and goods for the produce stall. Thanks to Georgina for going home at lunchtime and bringing back lots of items.

Action: JH to circulate show figures after the meeting.

6. AGM Thursday 18th October at Roehampton Cricket Club 6.30 for 7pm start
Notices all posted on all gates and in the Bulletin (with map and directions).

1. Papers – to include full reports and accounts statement to be emailed to the Chair by **11th October. 2-minute summaries to be presented at the AGM. Papers from Chair (JS), Shows (CM), Site secs I (MR, HF & VF), Treasurer (JH), Bulletin (PD), Trading Sec (GT).**
2. 11 Oct all members to receive emailed Agenda, List of committee nominees, link to 2017 AGM minutes and to the drafts of the new Agreements and Policies.

It was agreed that the list of nominees and the proposers be announced at the AGM and that seconders be asked for from the floor.

Pat Dark stated that she would not be standing for committee again at the AGM and she was thanked by all for her long-standing commitment and work for the RGS. She agreed to continue to support the RGS in any way and be named as the data controller in our Private Policy.

Georgina O'Reilly is also stepping down at the AGM and she was thanked for her long-standing commitment and work for the RGS. She has agreed to support the RGS in any way she can, taking a particular interest in the Shows and the Store.

3. Refreshments. Elaine confirmed she had a list of promises of food. The clubhouse will be open from about 6.00 pm to prepare for the event and to lay out the Cups ready for the presentation.
4. Cups – due in Store latest 14 Oct. Cllr Steffi Sutters to present. (She is a local councillor for West Putney but also Cabinet Member for Community Services and Open Spaces.)

7. Treasurer's report

- i) Invoice for expenses re water on Site 3 (*dealt with in conjunction with rent*)
- ii) Payment of rent to Enable (*no invoice yet but statement sent. We collected £15,486.70 and 20% of that is £3,097.34*)
- iii) The treasurer said she was increasingly aware of the considerable cost to the Society when having to make good neglected plots in preparation for re-letting.

8. Allotment Secretaries Reports

Site 2 Secretary's Report

Lettings

Plot 19B has now formally been let to the former PHP with effect from 1 October 2018.

Plot 26B (2.5 rods) has now been vacated and will be shown to a prospective new tenant from the primary waiting list.

Plot 18A (1.5 rods) has been offered to the next tenant on the waiting list for more land and I am awaiting his response.

Plot 20 will be divided into two plots. The larger plot has been offered to the next person on the primary waiting list who is not sure that she wants to take it. We await her final decision. The smaller section will be offered to the next person on the primary waiting list.

Plot 10A: This 1.5 rod plot is being vacated by the end of the month and will be offered to the next person on the waiting list for more land.

Other matters:

A request to erect a shed has been received and granted to the tenants of 31B, 33B and 37B.

A request to plant two plum trees (dwarf rootstock) by the tenants of 40D has been approved.

Site 3 (plot 101 to 127)

Lettings: None.

Plot 109B (3.5 rods): The plot holder wants to downsize and is interested in plot 75B (2.5 rods)

Plot 109C is about to be let.

Plot 116A (4 rods) The tenancy of this plot has been regularised.

Helen suggested that a Site Secretaries sub committee be convened now there are co-secretaries on each site.

Action: Helen to convene a meeting

9. Trading Secretary's Report

i) Stocktaking Jackie, Carol and Georgina completed the stocktaking.

10. Bulletin Editor's Report

The deadline for the next Bulletin will be Friday 26 October. The content will report on the election of the new committee, the AGM, with links to reports etc and prize giving. This will be Pat's last Bulletin. Carol will edit the next one.

Action: Helen to write Chair's report as new Chair

11. Site Manager's Report

Sub committee meeting held to review the appeal to keep the fibreglass construction on Site 3- Plot 95a. It was agreed that the structure could stay but would need to be removed from the site when the tenancy ceases.

Action: AL (as new Co-Site Secretary) is to monitor and report to the next committee meeting.

12. Diary Dates and Trips

Site 3 will have their Bonfire Party on **Saturday 3rd November** – 5.00 pm start.

Site 2 will have their Bonfire Party on **Monday 5th November** – at dusk.

13. AOB

Noticeboards: Discussion as to the state of them, whether they are used and the unsightliness of notices on gates.

Action: Site secretaries to consider a way forward when they convene their meeting.