

AGM 12th November 2020: the process

The Covid-19 pandemic prevented us from meeting this year so all AGM business was done remotely. A month before the AGM date the AGM was announced to the membership by email and notices on the notice boards and gates. Nominated Committee members were listed and seconders for each nominated person were requested from the membership. An appeal for new Committee members was included.

The usual procedure at the AGM is the Committee all stand down and those who have agreed to continue to serve invite proposers and seconders. This year this process had to be done before the actual AGM date. At 'real' AGMs places on the Committee are uncontested so all who are nominated and seconded become Committee members. This process was explained to the membership by email giving a link to the information on the RGS website.

Just 2 committee members had decided not to stand again, Elizabeth Smart (site 2) and Elaine Barnwell (Treasurer). Two new committee members joined the team, Dorcas Johnson and Emma Blackwell. Dorcas has agreed to take on the important role of Treasurer and Emma as she is from site 2, will help to ensure good representation for site 2. The full Committee now is:

Committee member	Office/role	Nominated by	Seconded by
<i>Helen Finch</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Jackie Savage</i>	<i>Caroline Alexander</i>
<i>Jackie Savage</i>	<i>Vice Chair, Store Seeds, Waiting list secretary and RGS email account</i>	<i>Carol Martinez</i>	<i>Caroline Alexander</i>
<i>Dorcas Johnson</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Helen Finch</i>	<i>Mariangela Renshaw</i>
<i>Catherine Maunsell-Bower</i>	<i>Site 2 Secretary and Legal</i>	<i>Brenna Lattimore</i>	<i>Ruth Tigue</i>
<i>Alison Linton</i>	<i>Site 3 Secretary (plots 50 to 100)</i>	<i>Greg Willcox</i>	<i>Mariangela Renshaw</i>
<i>Vivien Fowler</i>	<i>Site 3 Secretary (plots 101 to 127)</i>	<i>Alison Linton</i>	<i>Marianna Pencharz</i>
<i>Carol Martinez</i>	<i>Bulletin Editor and Show Chair</i>	<i>Patrick Crawford</i>	<i>Mariangela Renshaw</i>
<i>Gill Tamsett</i>	<i>Trading Secretary</i>	<i>Catherine Maunsell-Bower</i>	<i>Stewart Tamsett</i>
<i>Patrick Crawford</i>	<i>Buildings, Facilities and lease negotiator</i>	<i>Helen Finch</i>	<i>Ruth Tigue</i>
<i>Greg Wilcox</i>	<i>Store Manager</i>	<i>Vivien Fowler</i>	<i>Marianna Pencharz</i>
<i>Brenna Lattimore</i>	<i>Events</i>	<i>Gill Tamsett</i>	<i>Georgina O'Reilly</i>
<i>Emma Blackwell</i>	<i>Committee Member</i>	<i>Jackie Savage</i>	<i>Penny Baker</i>
<i>Mike Cooper</i>	<i>Security Manager</i>	<i>Carol Martinez</i>	<i>Ruth Tigue</i>

Non Voting officers:			
<i>Jean Crawford</i>	<i>Website manager</i>	<i>Jackie Savage</i>	<i>Georgina O'Reilly</i>
<i>Robert Linton</i>	<i>Membership secretary</i>	<i>Helen Finch</i>	<i>Georgina O'Reilly</i>
<i>Charles Gillbe</i>	<i>Site Manager appointed by Enable [WBC])</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>

As usual, reports were written by the Chair, the Treasurer (a report and the accounts), the 3 Site Secretaries, the Waiting list Secretary, the Trading Secretary, the Bulletin Editor and Show Chair. Notification of these reports was sent to the membership by email giving the relevant link to the RGS website where they were able to read them. At a real AGM comments would be invited from the floor. This year it was possible to leave comments and questions on the website or for members to send these by email. The most relevant Committee member replied. These questions, answers and comments will be published in the November RGS Bulletin.

On 13th November 2020 an email was sent out announcing the Committee that will serve until the next AGM in November 2021 when we can all get together to conduct the necessary business and enjoy a social evening.

Helen Finch
Chair of RGS
13/11/20