**PENRITH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**A.G.M. Minutes – Tuesday 21st January 2014 8pm**

**The Edenhall Hotel**

Welcome from Mr Gardiner with a minute’s silence for Mr Sharp and Mr Jackson who died in the previous year. Mr Gardiner handed proceedings over to the outgoing President Mr Mason.

1. **Members Present** – As per book

1a. **Apologies** – As per book

1. **Minutes of the previous AGM** – Taken as read
2. **Matters Arising** – The trustees of the Guardians of Eden had been missed off: Mr Raine, Mr Kenyon, Mr Fisher, Mrs Holliday, & the Chair, Mr Gardiner. Amendments made Mr Mason signed the minutes.
3. **Chairman’s Report** – Mr Gardiner congratulated everyone for a Fantastic 2013 show. Each section was a credit to the members and we had been blessed with good weather. The secretary & her family were thanked for rising to the challenge. Mr Gardiner was honoured to have worked alongside the outgoing President, Mr Mason, who gave a huge amount of support to the show and hoped he had enjoyed his year in office. Finally Mr Gardiner thanked the members for having him for a second year as Chair and looked forward to 2014 and our 180th year.
4. **Treasurer’s Report, Statement & Adoption of Accounts** – As per booklet. In general our takings were up in all areas with an increase in takings from £56,000 to £74,000. Actual profit was much less than this, due to an overall increase in outgoings for example: first aid, luncheon vouchers, and advertising. Some of these were questioned by the members and will be discussed further at a general meeting. Accounts were adopted: Proposed by Mr Gardiner & Seconded by Mr Bowman
5. **President’s report –** Mr Mason thanked everyone for what had been a very good year. Everyone had worked hard and it was very appreciated.
6. **Election of officers –**

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| POSITION | NOMINEE | PROPOSED BY | SECONDED BY |
| President | Mr Maurice Bowman | John Holliday | Mr Robin Raine |
| Mr Bowman accepted the position and thanked everyone for voting him in.  |
| President -Elect | Mr John Page | Les Armstrong | Giles Sharp |
| Chairman | Mr Richard Gardiner | John Page | George Allonby |

Mr Richard Gardiner thanked Mr Mason for standing in and took over the proceedings as Chair, continuing the elections.

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| Vice-Chairman | Mr Giles Sharp | Jamie Fisher | John Page |
| Secretary | Mrs Mandy Hitch | Robin Raine | Martin Hall |
| Treasurer | Mr Martin Hall | Giles Sharp | Frank Mason |
| Show Jumping Secretary | Mr Richard Jenkinson | Richard Gardiner | Anita Thorburn |
| Trophy Secretary | Mrs Michaela Dixon | Robin Raine | Anita Thorburn |

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| Re-election of Committee Block for 2013 | George AllonbyBarbara BailyLes ArmstrongMatt BlandMaurice BowmanJim FisherMatt FisherRichard GardinerHelen HollidaySid IvinsonJohn LambertJohn LittleJohn PageJames RaineRobin RaineTommy ThomlinsonBob TimminsRichard Utting | Giles Sharp | Frank Mason |
| Trustees of Show Society | Ronnie KenyonRobin RaineJamie Fisher | Tommy Thomlinson | John Page |
| Trustees of Guardians of Eden Bursary | Ronnie KenyonRobin RaineJamie FisherDiane HollidayRichard Gardiner | Tommy Thomlinson | Les Armstrong |
| Vice Presidents | As in Show Guide, no one has declined.New VP’s:Tommy ThomlinsonGeoff TunstallPam Slack | Richard GardinerMaurice BowmanAnita Thorburn | Giles SharpJohn LittleHelen Holliday |
| Independent Examiner | Saint & Co | John Holliday | Martin Hall |
| Subscription Review | Keep the same | Frank Mason | John Page |
| New Committee Members | James CraigDavid BuchananMike JonesKevin Hay | Jamie FisherGeorge AllonbyAnita ThorburnMatt Bland | Bob TimminsJamie FisherJohn LambertRichard Fisher |

1. **Dates of 2013 Committee Meetings –** On slips & handed out on the night
2. **A.O.B. –** New Life Members elected

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| New Honorary life members | Tom Cowin | Jamie Fisher | John Page |
| Tom Bowman | Jamie Fisher | Robin Raine |

A list of proposals from the F & GP meeting with regards to: Catering, VP Parking, Guardians of Eden and Show director were deferred to the next General Meeting in February.

**Trade stands** – The meeting agreed to a £1 increase on all trade stands: Proposed by Mr Mason and seconded by Mr Little

**Web Site –** The Secretary requested we go ahead with the new website plans at £1872 plus £500 for a redesign. The current website no longer works for us. The members agreed: Proposed by Mr Thomlinson and seconded by Mrs Thorburn.

MEETING CLOSED 9PM