



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE GARDEN INDUSTRY MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION (1999) Ltd.

Held at Haskins Garden Centre, Roundstone, West Sussex

15th April 2015

GIMA Vice President, Chris Ramsden of Suttons Seeds Ltd
chaired the meeting

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Richard Pyrah Kelkay
- Rainer Schubert The Scotts Miracle Grow Co
- Nigel Thompson Stewarts
- Kate Ebbens Cadix

There were no other apologies received.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 13th March 2014

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record. (Proposed by David Carey, Mr. Fothergill's Seeds and seconded by Chris Holloway, Apta). All were in favour.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the AGM.

4. COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

There were five Council Members retiring from Council on rotation basis:-

- Steve Millington, Bosmere Products Ltd
- Al Sheppard, Burgon & Ball Ltd
- Rainer Schubert, The Scotts Miracle Grow Co
- Matt Jackson, Briers Ltd
- Tara Ballinger, William Sinclairs Ltd

Of these, Steve Millington and Tara Ballinger are not offering to re-stand and GIMA thank them all for their service and commitment to the Association. The remaining three are offering themselves for re-election.

In addition, during the course of the year the following member of Council has been required to resign:

- Rebecca Fairbairn, Westland Horticulture

Nomination papers have been circulated in accordance with the Articles of Association and nominations at the point of closure were received from:

- Al Sheppard Burgon & Ball Ltd
- Rainer Schubert The Scotts Miracle Grow Co
- Matt Jackson Briers Ltd
- Simon McArdle William Sinclair
- John Gomersall Forest Garden Ltd
- Jason Perrins L G Harris
- Mark Butler Town & Country

In addition Nomination Papers were received for two candidates who had previously been co-opted to Council throughout the year:

- Nigel Thompson Representing Stewarts
- Emma Rogers Westland Horticulture

It was confirmed that all nine nominations received were valid and could therefore stand for election to Council. On this basis, he asked for a proposer and seconder. Proposed by Steve Millington, Bosmere Products and seconded David Carey, Mr. Fothergill's Seeds.

Chris Ramsden confirmed that these nominees would join the existing Council Members who are:

- Kate Ebbens Cadix
- Richard Pyrah Kelkay
- Chris Ramsden Suttons Seeds
- David Carey Mr Fothergill's Seeds
- Chris Holloway Apta
- Richard Bence Treadstone Products
- Colin Wetherley-Mein Vitax Ltd

This means that the Council is made up of 16 which is the maximum your constitution allows.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The election of Colin Wetherley-Mein to the position of President was proposed by Al Sheppard, Burgon & Ball and seconded by Chris Holloway, Apta . All voted in favour.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

It was reported to the meeting that Chris Ramsden of Suttons Consumer Products Ltd wished to continue as Vice President for the year 2015/2016. This was proposed by Colin Wetherley-Mein, Vitax Ltd and seconded by David Carey, Mr Fothergill's Seeds. All voted in favour.

7. THE NEW PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The new President addressed the meeting by welcoming people present and thanked Steve Millington for his Presidency. He outlined his own career in the industry and what he hoped to bring to his term of office as President. He stated that it is vital that the trade is unified in times when routes to market, different shopping avenues, shrinking of our traditional customer base and changes to European and Government legislation prevail.

The key objectives for 2015/16 included:-

- To continue to build closer relations with fellow trade associations
- To seek different routes to market
- Introduction of innovative benefits to GIMA members, including Buyers Data base, Market Data and service purchasing of non core products
- Increase the GIMA 'fun' events
- To actively support its members

The President finished his address commenting the trade, and GIMA have ridden the storm and all hopefully able to look to the future with a large degree of optimism.

8. ELECTION OF HONORARY TREASURER

It was reported to the meeting that Nigel Thompson, representing Stewarts Ltd, has offered his services as Honorary Treasurer for 2015/16. This was proposed by David Carey, Mr Fothergill's and seconded by Al Sheppard, Burgon & Ball Ltd. All were in favour.

9. ELECTION OF HONORARY COMPANY SECRETARY

As the current Honorary Secretary, Richard Pyrah of Kelkay Ltd has agreed to continue this role, subject to Member approval. Proposed by Al Sheppard, Burgon & Ball and seconded by Chris Holloway, Apta. All were in favour.

10. THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2014

Colin Wetherley-Mein, Honorary Treasurer 2014/15, delivered the Treasurer's report and the financial statements for the 12 months ending 31st December 2014.

A small loss has been recorded in 2014 due to the costs of an agreed plan of investment in member benefits. GIMA remains in a strong financial position, with healthy reserves.

The directors identified that at 31st December 2013 turnover of £68,825 had been incorrectly deferred and not reflected in the profit and loss account, of which £21,615 related to the year ended 31st December 2013.

This has been corrected in the current year and the comparatives restated. The net assets and reserves at 31st December 2013 have been increased by an amount of £68,825 from that previously stated and the turnover and result for the year ended 31st December 2013. increased by £21,615.

There being no questions relating to the accounts Colin Wetherley-Mein closed the report.

11. APPOINTMENT OF REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS

It is a duty of the Council to appoint the Association's Auditors and to fix their remuneration. They agreed that Brebners Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors, Sevenoaks, Kent be appointed as Reporting Accountants for GIMA for the coming year. This was proposed by David Carey, Mr Fothergill's Seeds and seconded by Chris Holloway, Apta. All were in favour.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other items had been notified to the President or were forthcoming from the floor and so the meeting was declared closed at 10.21am.

Signed by

Dated