



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE GARDEN INDUSTRY MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION (1999) Ltd.

Held at Heart of England Conference & Events Centre,

Meriden Road, Fillongley, Warwickshire

14th April 2016

GIMA Secretary, Richard Pyrah of Kelkay
chaired the meeting

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Rainer Schubert The Scotts Miracle Grow Co
- David Carey Mr Fothergill's Seeds
- Matt Jackson Briers Ltd
- Simon McArdle Westland Horticulture
- Nick Carey Mr Fothergill's Seeds
- John Gomersall Forest Garden Ltd
- Nigel Seifas Starplast

There were no other apologies received.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 14th April 2015

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record. (Proposed by Kate Ebbens of Cadix and seconded by Colin Wetherley Mein of Vitax). All were in favour.

3. MATTERS ARISING

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

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The following change to the GIMA Articles of Association was proposed to the meeting

RESOLUTION 1: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Under resolution 1, GIMA is proposing to amend its articles of association to reduce the number of representatives on the GIMA Council from sixteen to twelve, thus making the council more manageable and accountable to the membership. The proposed change will take effect at the 2017 AGM.

The full text of the new draft article is set out below:

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

8. Until otherwise determined by the General Meeting, the number of members constituting the Council shall not be less than five or more than 12 and shall include the appointed President and Vice-President for the time being of the Association. Members co-opted to membership of the of the Council under Article 15 are not included in the formal constitution of the Council.

The change was Chris Ramsden of Hozelock and seconded by Nigel Thompson of Nigel Thompson Associates (representing Stewarts). All were in favour, none were against.

5. COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

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

- Chris Holloway Apta
- Rainer Schubert The Scotts Miracle Grow Co
- David Carey Mr Fothergill's Seeds
- Colin Wetherley-Mein Vitax

They all offered themselves for re-election.

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

- Al Sheppard Burgon & Ball
- Emma Rogers Westland Horticulture
- Richard Bence Treadstone Products

The meeting made a special note to thank Richard for the 40 years as a member, 30 years on the GIMA council and 2 times GIMA President, and wished him well for his next venture.

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

- Rainer Schubert The Scotts Miracle Gro Co
- Colin Wetherley-Mein Vitax Ltd
- Chris Holloway Apta
- David Carey Mr Fothergill's Seeds
- Tara Truman Outback International Ltd
- Craig Hall Deco Pak

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

- Heather Culpan Burgon & Ball

It was confirmed that all 7 nominations received were valid and could therefore stand for election to Council. All nominees were proposed by Kate Ebbens of Cadix and seconded Mark Butler of Town and Country

Richard Pyrah confirmed that these nominees would join the existing Council Members who are:

- Kate Ebbens Cadix
- Richard Pyrah Kelkay
- Chris Ramsden Hozelock
- Matt Jackson Briers
- John Gomersall Forest Garden
- Jason Perrins L G Harris
- Mark Butler Town & Country
- Simon McArdle Westland Horticulture

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

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The election of Chris Ramsden of Hozelock to the position of President was proposed by Chris Holloway of Apta and seconded by Colin Wetherley-Mein of Vitax . All voted in favour, none were against.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

The election of Richard Pyrah of Kelkay to the position of Vice President was proposed by Nigel Thompson of Nigel Thompson Associates (representing Stewarts) and seconded by Chris Holloway of Apta . All voted in favour, none were against.

7. THE NEW PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The new President addressed the meeting by welcoming people present and thanked Colin Wetherley-Mein 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 reminded members of GIMA's clear goals, and vowed to progress the good work done by his predecessor, Colin Wetherley-Mein, by continuing to build relationships with other trade associations. He also plans to work closely with the GIMA Director to develop even more benefits for GIMA members.

8. ELECTION OF HONORARY COMPANY SECRETARY

As the current Honorary Secretary, Richard Pyrah of Kelkay Ltd has been elected as the new Vice President, Kate Ebbens of Cadix was proposed by the Council take on the role of Secretary. Proposed by Heather Culpan of Burgon & Ball and seconded by Colin Wetherley-Mein of Vitax. All were in favour, none were against.

9. THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2015

Nigel Thompson of Nigel Thompson Associates (representing Stewarts) Honorary Treasurer, delivered the Treasurer's report and the financial statements for the 12 months ending 31st December 2015.

A profit after tax of £9,970 was recorded in 2015 vs a loss of -£8,989 in 2014. Increased activity led to increased spend, but as this activity was positive it had a positive financial effect. Cost management was good in 2015.

There being no questions relating to the accounts Nigel Thompson closed the report.

10. 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 Richard Pyrah of Kelyak, and seconded by Chris Holloway, Apta. All were in favour, none were against.

11. 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 10.26am.

Signed by

Dated