



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THE GARDEN INDUSTRY MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION (1999) Ltd.

Horticulture House, Chilton, Oxfordshire
GIMA Secretary, Kate Ebbens of Cadix
chaired the meeting

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- John Hinde Wilstone
- Andy Mellor High Street TV
- David Carey Mr Fothergill's Seeds
- David Jenkins DJ Turfcare
- Heather Culpan Burgon & Ball

There were no other apologies received.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 14th April 2016

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record. (Proposed Richard Pyrah of Kelkay and seconded by Nigel Thompson representing Stewarts). 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 attendees were reminded that at the 2016 AGM a resolution was passed to reduce the number of members on the Council from 16 to 12 at the 2017 AGM.

5. COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

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

- Chris Ramsden Hozelock
- Richard Pyrah Kelkay
- Kate Ebbens Cadix
- Colin Wetherley-Mein Vitax
- Tara Truman Coleman
- Rainer Schubert The Scotts Miracle Gro Company

Of these retirees Colin Wetherley-Mein, Tara Truman and Rainer Schubert were not standing for re-election. They were thanked for their time on council and their efforts in working to support and develop GIMA for its members.

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

- Jason Perrins

The meeting thanked Jason for his support for the association during his time on Council.

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

- Chris Ramsden Hozelock
- Richard Pyrah Keklay
- Kate Ebbens Cadix

It was confirmed that all 3 nominations received were valid and could therefore stand for election to Council. All nominees were proposed by Mark Butler of Town & Country and seconded Colin Wetherley-Mein of Vitax

Kate Ebbens confirmed that these nominees would join the existing Council Members who are:

- Matt Jackson Briers
- John Gomersall Forest Garden
- Jason Perrins L G Harris
- Mark Butler Town & Country
- Simon McArdle Westland Horticulture
- David Carey Mr Fothergill's Seeds
- Heather Culpan Burgon & Ball
- Craig Hall Deco-Pak
- Chris Holloway Thompson & Morgan

This means that the Council is made up of 12 which is the new maximum the constitution allows.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE RE-ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

Chris Ramsden has agreed to continue in the role of GIMA President for another year to enable him to continue his work on developing the association. The re-election of Chris Ramsden of Hozelock to the position of President was proposed by Colin Wetherley-Mein of Vitax and seconded by John Gomersall of Forest Garden Ltd . All voted in favour, none were against.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Richard Pyrah had also agreed to continue in the role of Vice President for another year. The election of Richard Pyrah of Kelkay to the position of Vice President was proposed by Chris Ramsden of Hozelock and seconded by Nigel Thompson of Nigel Thompson Associates (representing Stewarts). 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 the members for their support & encouragement during his time in office. He reminded members of GIMA's five core values of Saving, Connecting, Promoting, Representing & Supporting. All the work GIMA does will be driven around these values. He said that GIMA continues to work tirelessly for its members and are the reason GIMA exists. He also plans to continue to work closely with the GIMA Director to develop even more benefits for GIMA members. He also confirmed that the GIMA President now sits on the HTA Board further promoting the close working relationships being fostered with other trade bodies within our industry.

8. ELECTION OF HONORARY COMPANY SECRETARY

Kate Ebbens retains the role of GIMA Secretary.

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 2016.

A profit after tax of £38,645 was recorded in 2016 vs a smaller profit of £9,970 in 2015. A continued Increase in activity led, a strong GIMA Awards event, growing membership and

healthy attendance at GLEE all contributed to increased income. Event and marketing costs grew to support this level of activity, but as this activity was positive it had a positive financial effect. There was a small increase in admin costs, but these were being well managed 2016.

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 Mark Butler of Town & Country, and seconded by Kate Ebbens of Cadix. 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 10.17am.

Signed by

Dated24th March, 2017.....