



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

Ettington Chase Hotel & Conference Centre, Warwickshire
Meeting Chaired By Honorary Secretary Craig Hall of Deco-Pak
Held on 10th April, 2019

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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| • Richard Pyrah | Kelkay |
| • Simon McArdle | Westland Horticulture |
| • David Nicholson | Elho |
| • Adam Taylor | Taylor's Bulbs |
| • Mark Portman | Evergreen Garden Care |
| • Martin Tompsett | Rollins Bulldog Tools Ltd |
| • Matt Jackson | Mr Fothergill's Seeds |
| • Malcolm Andrews | Panacea Products |

There were no other apologies received.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 12th April 2018

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record. (Proposed Mark Butler of Vitax and seconded by Nigel Thompson, SIPCAM). All were in favour.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2018 AGM.

4. THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION of GIMA (1999) Ltd states that the number of members constituting the officers and Council of Management shall not exceed sixteen. At the 2016 AGM a resolution was passed to reduce this to twelve with effect from the 2017 AGM.

5. COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

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

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| • Craig Hall | Deco-Pak |
| • Richard Pyrah | Kelkay Ltd |
| • Chris Ramsden | Hozelock |

All of the above have agreed to stand for re-election to Council.

In addition, during the course of the year the following members of Council have been required to resign:

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| • Kate Ebbens | Cadix |
| • Scott McCabe | Gardman/Kelkay Ltd |
| • John Gomersall | Forest Garden Ltd |

We would like to thank these members for their time on Council and their efforts in working to support and develop GIMA for its members.

Nominations for Council

Nomination papers were circulated in accordance with the Articles of Association and the following were received:

Nominations for re-election

- Craig Hall Deco-Pak
- Richard Pyrah Kelkay Ltd
- Chris Ramsden Hozelock

To fill the four remaining places on the GIMA Council, the following new nominations were received:

- Jenny Douthwaite Primeur Ltd
- Guy Jenkins DLF / Johnsons Seeds
- Martin Tompsett Rollins Bulldog Tools Ltd
- David Nicholson Elho

It was confirmed that all 4 new nominations received were valid and could therefore stand for election to Council and all 3 nominations for re-election could stand. All nominees were proposed by Al Sheppard of Kelkay Ltd, and seconded by Mark Butler of Vitax. All were in favour.

Craig Hall confirmed that these will join the existing Council of:-

Mark Butler	Vitax
Simon McArdle	Westland Horticulture
Matt Jackson	Mr Fothergill's Seeds
Neil Sims	Evergreen Garden Care
Dan Durston	Durston Garden Products

making a full council for 2019/20 of 12 representatives from the GIMA membership

6. TO CONFIRM THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FOR 2019/2020

At the last AGM, Richard Pyrah was voted into the Role of President for a two year period. It was confirmed at the last Council Meeting that Richard will be continuing in the role.

7. To Confirm the election of Vice President for 2019/20

As with the role of President, at the last AGM, Simon McArdle was voted into the Role of Vice President for a two year term. It was confirmed at the last Council Meeting that Simon will be continuing in the role.

8. THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Due to the absence of Richard Pyrah, the President's address was read out by GIMA Past President, Chris Ramsden of Hozelock.

Sorry I can't be with you all today. I'm delighted to be embarking on my 2nd year as GIMA President. 2018 was another interesting year for the industry, with severe weather conditions challenging the sector once again. We saw consolidation in the supply chain, but a strong retail sector continues to provide some great opportunity for us all which looks to continue. Brexit still dominates the headlines, and it's still very unclear how or if it's going to be resolved.

GIMA had another busy year and I'm pleased to say we had our 5th consecutive year of growth in our membership numbers. Our financial position continues to be strong, with another year of surplus for us to plough back into membership services. Thank you all for

supporting GIMA and please spread the word about GIMA to your colleagues within our industry. We are here to support you.

I'm looking forward to an exciting 2019 during which time as President of GIMA I will continue to work with Vicky and the rest of the GIMA team to develop new membership benefits and events for the GIMA community of companies.

Finally, thank you to Vicky, Geraldine and Colin for their hard work, but I'd also to extend my thanks to Kelkay and the Ames group in their continued support for me during my time as GIMA President.

9. ELECTION OF HONORARY COMPANY SECRETARY

Craig Hall of Deco Pak confirmed he will be continuing as Honorary Company Secretary for the year ahead, proposed by Glynn Davis of Tildenet and seconded by Mark Butler. All voted in favour.

10. THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2018

Nigel Thompson - Honorary Treasurer, delivered the Treasurer's report and the financial statements for the 12 months ending 31st December 2018.

A profit after tax of £23,373 was recorded in 2018, £8,032 less than recorded in 2017. The Treasurer reported GIMA was in a healthy position at the end of 2018, the slightly reduced position compared to 2017 was due to increased number and cost of events however well controlled 'cost of sales & overheads' helped maintain an overall strong position.

There being no questions relating to the accounts Nigel Thompson 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 retained as Reporting Accountants for GIMA for the coming year. This was proposed by Craig Hall, Deco-Pak and seconded by Chris Ramsden of Hozelock. All were in favour, none were against.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

By leave of the President, no other items had been notified or were forthcoming from the floor and so the meeting was declared closed at 10.14am.

Signed by

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Dated

16/04/19
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