

Minutes of the ORAC AGM 3 May 2011

Those present (outgoing committee):

Rob Richardson, Dawn Crisp, Di Noller, Andrew Crisp, Dan Hull, Linda Jay, Donald Turner, Dee Stephenson, Nigel Woodhouse, Gordon Erhorn, Bill Stratton, Scott Regan and Lindsay Alexander.

Others present:

Brian Hull, Lesley Hull, Cynthia Capey.

Apologies:

Barry Woods, Gill Richardson and David Capey.

Chairman's Welcome:

Rob welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those in attendance.

Minutes of 2010 AGM:

Rob read through the 2010 minutes and these were unanimously agreed as a true record of that meeting, with one late amendment, that the accounts had been audited by Suffolk Acre and not LB Group.

Proposed: Scott Regan Seconded: Andrew Crisp

Chairman's Report:

Rob thanked everyone on the committee for their support and also their respective partners and spouses. Especial thanks were recorded to Dawn and Di for their support and work on negotiating the myriad legislation and licensing laws surrounding the new hall.

Thanks were also recorded to Barry Woods and Andy Andrews for their support.

Thanks were given to the hall cleaners and all the regular hall users. He remarked that the hall was being used beyond our expectations.

He also thanked Pre-school for their continued use of the hall and for their support.

Various events/functions had taken place during the course of the year, including the Annual Quiz, the fete, an Italian themed evening and a Christmas Dinner for over 80 people.

Although the hall is now in it's second year of operation, the final retention monies have still not been paid over, due to outstanding snagging items not being completed.

Rob outlined the plans for acoustic hoods to be fitted to the rear ventilation shafts, which it was envisaged would alleviate the noise break-out problems. He reported that acoustic panels would be installed to the inside of the main hall in an effort to reduce the internal echo.

He finished by saying that there was still a vacancy for a Custodial Trustee, following Steve Tarrant's resignation last year.

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the end of year balance sheets were distributed and a copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes.

Comments/questions, were as follows:

Rob commented on the outstanding success of the Luncheon Club, both numerically and financially. These monies are held separate to the main ORAC accounts, and are used to further equip the kitchen.

An enquiry was made as to how many bookings had been lost due to the noise issues, and this was not known.

Dawn reported that other groups hoping to build village halls, had been to view ours and to ask questions regarding the build.

A question was also put forward regarding the old pre-school garden. It has been agreed that the Primary School will be able to plant some fruit trees in this area.

Oracle Report:

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Brian Hull stated that he knew of somebody who wished to place an advert in Oracle and Di asked for details to be passed onto her.

Occold Web Site Report:

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Election of Officers for 2011/2012:

Rob stated that Dan Hull had tendered his resignation due to family and work commitments, but Dan said that he hoped that this would only be in the short term.

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Rob Richardson	Lindsay Alexander	Dawn Crisp
Vice Chair	Scott Regan	Rob Richardson	Linda Jay
Secretary	Di Noller	Linda Jay	Andrew Crisp
Treasurer	Dawn Crisp	Scott Regan	Nigel Woodhouse

Election of Committee for 2011/2012:

The 2010 committee were elected en bloc, by all present, with the exception of Dan Hull.

The meeting was then opened up and comments/suggestions were invited.

Lindsay voiced the opinion that she felt that a recruitment drive should be carried out for new committee members, in an effort to integrate more people from the village. All were in agreement with this and Di agreed to place a piece in the next Oracle. There is no limit to the number of committee members allowed and a suggestion was

put forward, to hold an Open Evening in the form of a Cheese and Wine event, to try to attract more people onto the committee.

A suggestion was made that a Welcome Evening could be held every so often, to welcome new people who had moved into the village.

Suggestion was also made that at one of the Village Groups meetings, that each group could make a small presentation about what happens at their group.

It was suggested that a display be shown at the next village fete, giving details of what goes on in the village.

The subject of dogs being brought onto the playing field was raised, and it was stated that signs regarding this were now in place. Further suggestion was made that perhaps a couple more signs were needed.

It was felt that dog fouling was generally a problem all around the village and that, opportunity could perhaps be taken to educate young people in the schools regarding the dangers associated with dog fouling.

Another article would be published in Oracle regarding this matter and asking for villagers to report to a member of ORAC, if they saw anybody bringing a dog onto the field. A letter could then be sent to the dog owner responsible.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:55pm