**PENRITH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**A.G.M. Minutes – Tuesday 21st January 2014 8pm**

**The Edenhall Hotel**

Welcome from Mr Gardiner with a minute’s silence for Mr Sharp and Mr Jackson who died in the previous year. Mr Gardiner handed proceedings over to the outgoing President Mr Mason.

1. **Members Present** – As per book

1a. **Apologies** – As per book

1. **Minutes of the previous AGM** – Taken as read
2. **Matters Arising** – The trustees of the Guardians of Eden had been missed off: Mr Raine, Mr Kenyon, Mr Fisher, Mrs Holliday, & the Chair, Mr Gardiner. Amendments made Mr Mason signed the minutes.
3. **Chairman’s Report** – Mr Gardiner congratulated everyone for a Fantastic 2013 show. Each section was a credit to the members and we had been blessed with good weather. The secretary & her family were thanked for rising to the challenge. Mr Gardiner was honoured to have worked alongside the outgoing President, Mr Mason, who gave a huge amount of support to the show and hoped he had enjoyed his year in office. Finally Mr Gardiner thanked the members for having him for a second year as Chair and looked forward to 2014 and our 180th year.
4. **Treasurer’s Report, Statement & Adoption of Accounts** – As per booklet. In general our takings were up in all areas with an increase in takings from £56,000 to £74,000. Actual profit was much less than this, due to an overall increase in outgoings for example: first aid, luncheon vouchers, and advertising. Some of these were questioned by the members and will be discussed further at a general meeting. Accounts were adopted: Proposed by Mr Gardiner & Seconded by Mr Bowman
5. **President’s report –** Mr Mason thanked everyone for what had been a very good year. Everyone had worked hard and it was very appreciated.
6. **Election of officers –**

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| POSITION | NOMINEE | PROPOSED BY | SECONDED BY |
| President | Mr Maurice Bowman | John Holliday | Mr Robin Raine |
| Mr Bowman accepted the position and thanked everyone for voting him in. | | | |
| President -Elect | Mr John Page | Les Armstrong | Giles Sharp |
| Chairman | Mr Richard Gardiner | John Page | George Allonby |

Mr Richard Gardiner thanked Mr Mason for standing in and took over the proceedings as Chair, continuing the elections.

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| Vice-Chairman | Mr Giles Sharp | Jamie Fisher | John Page |
| Secretary | Mrs Mandy Hitch | Robin Raine | Martin Hall |
| Treasurer | Mr Martin Hall | Giles Sharp | Frank Mason |
| Show Jumping Secretary | Mr Richard Jenkinson | Richard Gardiner | Anita Thorburn |
| Trophy Secretary | Mrs Michaela Dixon | Robin Raine | Anita Thorburn |

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| Re-election of Committee Block for 2013 | George Allonby  Barbara Baily  Les Armstrong  Matt Bland  Maurice Bowman  Jim Fisher  Matt Fisher  Richard Gardiner  Helen Holliday  Sid Ivinson  John Lambert  John Little  John Page  James Raine  Robin Raine  Tommy Thomlinson  Bob Timmins  Richard Utting | Giles Sharp | Frank Mason |
| Trustees of Show Society | Ronnie Kenyon  Robin Raine  Jamie Fisher | Tommy Thomlinson | John Page |
| Trustees of Guardians of Eden Bursary | Ronnie Kenyon  Robin Raine  Jamie Fisher  Diane Holliday  Richard Gardiner | Tommy Thomlinson | Les Armstrong |
| Vice Presidents | As in Show Guide, no one has declined.  New VP’s:  Tommy Thomlinson  Geoff Tunstall  Pam Slack | Richard Gardiner  Maurice Bowman  Anita Thorburn | Giles Sharp  John Little  Helen Holliday |
| Independent Examiner | Saint & Co | John Holliday | Martin Hall |
| Subscription Review | Keep the same | Frank Mason | John Page |
| New Committee Members | James Craig  David Buchanan  Mike Jones  Kevin Hay | Jamie Fisher  George Allonby  Anita Thorburn  Matt Bland | Bob Timmins  Jamie Fisher  John Lambert  Richard Fisher |

1. **Dates of 2013 Committee Meetings –** On slips & handed out on the night
2. **A.O.B. –** New Life Members elected

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| New Honorary life members | Tom Cowin | Jamie Fisher | John Page |
| Tom Bowman | Jamie Fisher | Robin Raine |

A list of proposals from the F & GP meeting with regards to: Catering, VP Parking, Guardians of Eden and Show director were deferred to the next General Meeting in February.

**Trade stands** – The meeting agreed to a £1 increase on all trade stands: Proposed by Mr Mason and seconded by Mr Little

**Web Site –** The Secretary requested we go ahead with the new website plans at £1872 plus £500 for a redesign. The current website no longer works for us. The members agreed: Proposed by Mr Thomlinson and seconded by Mrs Thorburn.

MEETING CLOSED 9PM