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Draft Minutes for the Oxford and District Federation of Allotment Associations

Annual General Meeting 19th April 2016

Attending: Federation Committee; Wendy Skinner Smith (Chair), Ian Sheppard (Vice-Chair) John Lardner (Treasurer), Tim Treacher (Competition sub-committee chairman), John Hastings (Minutes Secretary)

Associations; **Barracks Lane – Megan Harcourt. Lenthall Road - Colin Sharp. Old Marston Mill Lane- Christine Mitchell. Kestrel Crescent- Roy Leach. Cowmead -John Hastings. Bartlemas – Tracy Crossman. Barton Fields -Michael Evans, N Woodman. Cripsey Meadow – Wendy Skinner Smith. Cutteslowe -Ian Sheppard, B Findlay. Eden Drive – John Lardner. John Garne Way – Eric Perkins, Derek Andrews. Lower Wolvercote – Pater Mayne. Osney St Thomas – Nick Jackson. South Ward - David Allen, Sharron Murray. Spragglesea Mead – Tim Treacher. St Clements & District – Phil Baker, Trap Grounds –Virginia Wallis.**

Total 17 associations represented

1. **Welcome by the chair.** The chair thanked all for attending.
2. **Apologies for absence.** Mike Halliwell (HDAA), Tony Harris (Eden Drive), David Ruffles (John Garne Way), Jonathan Clark (Trap Grounds), Andrew Faitweather-Tall (Barrack's Lane).
3. **Minutes of the 2015 AGM.** These were accepted as a true account of the meeting. There were no Matters Arising.
4. **Annual Report.** The chair asked for any questions on the report which had been circulated. There were no questions.
5. **Annual accounts and treasurers report.** JL summarized his report by reading the front cover page of the accounts documents. He reported that there were a couple of anomalies due to two prize winners not presenting their cheques and one small banking error. Copies of the accounts were circulated. The accounts were proposed and seconded as a true record and were accepted.
6. **Election of Officers and Committee members** – The existing officers and committee members were unanimously elected, unopposed: Chair – Wendy Skinner Smith; Vice Chair – Ian Sheppard; Treasurer – John Lardner; Tim Treacher, Minutes Secretary - John Hastings. Nick Jackson (Osney Mead) was also elected as a Committee member.

7. AGM item:

a/Dates for the 201 ODFAA/OCC allotment competition

TT reported on changes to the competition rules.

- 1) Entries for the best kept section must submit a minimum of two individual plots from that site.
- 2) A new section for small plots (5 poles or less) will be introduced, applying the same judging criteria used for full size plots.
- 3) To compete for the Alderman Knight Shield for the best kept site at least two entrants must be put forward.

The final date for entering the competition will be, Wednesday 6th May. Judging will take place 22nd and 24th May, 4th and 5th September. Prize giving will be 27th September which is earlier than usual due to holiday commitments.

WSS asked for volunteers to help with the judging, warning that a lack of people willing to judge, could lead to the failure of the competition in the future. A member asked if a description of the duties for someone who might consider judging could be drawn up. TT said he would try to put something together.

b/ Progress with allotment signs

WSS showed the meeting the latest version of the new sign. It had a smaller OCC logo and had a decent space to include the longest association name along with web site information. WWS went on to explain that if every site agreed to have the new sign, the cost would be in the region of £2,132.00. She proposed that ODFAA should contribute up to this amount. The meeting agreed to this.

AOB

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.05pm