

Fareham Men's Shed



At Titchfield Festival Theatre

2020 AGM Minutes

**Minutes of the 5TH Annual General Meeting of Fareham Men's Shed (FMS)
Held on 26TH July 2021 at the Titchfield Festival Theatre (TFT)**

Members Present:

Ajith Tudugalle, Bill Kinch, Brian Pike, Chris Hodgson, Chris Lane, Chris Nixon, Dave Hawkins, Dave Jarman, Eric Collins, Frank Wood, Gordon Henniker, Jack Langford John Wathen, Keith Curtis, Ken Stretton, Mike Martin, Milton Hewins, Norman Hart, Paul Jackson, Pete Keepence, Peter Raven, Richard Bunce, Rod Parker, Terry Moore, Dave Thompson, Tony Crane, Julian Shaw, Geoff Shore, Geoff Jennings, Tony Rea, Den Barnard, Mike Martin, Ian Tolputt & Alan Pearton,

Apologies:

Barry Groce, Cliff Jones, Mick Foster,

Guests:

Jenny Romicheva (Community 1st), & Andy Wood (Step by Step Project)

Previous minutes:

The minutes of last year's AGM (2020) were approved and accepted.
Proposer – Frank Wood, seconder- Chris Nixon

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising

The meeting was opened by the chairman and welcomed members and the guests

Chairman's Report:

The chairman commented on the late date for the AGM. This was due to lockdown and the AGM(2021) was arranged as soon as we could get back safely.

Peter remembered the members we had sadly lost: John Codling, Raymond Hales, Colin Mansbridge and Brian Matthews.

The period of lockdown was very difficult for some of our members, however, others took it upon themselves to keep in touch and help each other. The committee met via Zoom meetings regularly. We also contacted members who were not able to join in on the Zoom Chat.

There were weekly Zoom Chats set up for members and Quizzes followed the chats which was hosted by our social secretary Tony. These sessions proved invaluable as members were able to inform us about their welfare and generally how they were keeping themselves busy and also advise each other on various issues and provide practical help.

We were happy to open the site for members to attend as soon as we could. We put in place safety measures to be compliant with COVID rules. To ensure there was no over crowding, a booking system was introduced and numbers restricted. Members were asked to book slots, wear masks and clean down equipment after use. This worked very well and I would like to thank the members for their cooperation.

The chairman thanked members for being patient and their understanding during this difficult time and is looking forward to a more positive year ahead.

Treasurer's Report

Chris produced a set of end of year audited accounts. He went on to explain the major entries of our income, such as e-Bay sales, sale of scrap metal, Tesco awards and money from other in- house and external projects.

We made improvements in our workshop by installing better exit signs, security cameras, hot water tap and complying with Covid 19 requirements.

Donations

Chris praised and thanked the members for their generous personal donations to support the Macmillan Charity (£620), Projects to support scrubs suits for NHS and care workers (£600) and the Christmas Hamper food parcels for local families.(£500)

Subscriptions:

The members voted by 30 to 1 to pay a pro-rata fee for the remaining months of the subscription year. All existing members, re-joining will pay £35. New members will pay up front, £5 for every full month up to the end of February '22

Elections of Trustees:

As per the CIO constitution, at least 1/3 of the trustees must stand down.

Five trustees stood down but only four agreed to stand again and were re-elected

Peter Raven- Proposed by Rod Parker, Seconded by Dave Thompson

Rod Parker- Proposed by Mick Foster, Seconded by Chris Hodgson

Milton Hewins - Proposed by Dave Thompson, Seconded by Oliver Betton

Chris Hodgson- Proposed by Chris Nixon, Seconded by Brian Pike

A new trustee was also proposed and elected

Cliff Jones- Proposed by Chris Hodgson, Seconded by A. Bell.

All trustees were elected by 30 to 0 votes.

Barry Groce declined to stand again.

Guests:

Andy Wood (Research Assistant - from the Step-by -Step project - Health & Wellbeing) reminded the meeting of his work which involves the day to day running of a 3-year health and economic evaluation of a new model of Men's Shed community groups across the UK, Belgium, France and The Netherlands. The aim of the project was to empower men to move from poor health and or isolation to healthy social participation or active engagement. Andy encouraged members to take part in an on online survey which was due to close at the end of October. He also said he was keen to visit the Shed and meet members to have a brief chat.

Jenny Romicheva (Community 1st) commented that FMS members were a credit to the 'Shed' community during lockdown and was very pleased to learn of the excellent support offered to each other and the community at large.

Colin Mansbridge Challenge:

It was agreed to run a competition and encourage members to using the surplus mixers donated from Colin's estate. The idea was for members to design and create an object of interest. These entries would be judged by guests attending the Macmillan coffee morning. A trophy named after Colin will be awarded to the winner.

Closing the meeting:

The chairman closed the meeting and thanked all the members and guests for attending.