



Essex Society for Family History

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held at Galleywood Heritage Centre

on Saturday 21 September 2019

Present The Lord Petre, President; Ann Turner, Frederick Feather and Eric Probert Vice-Presidents Paul Stirland, Chairman; John Young, Vice Chairman; Meryl Rawlings, Secretary; Ron Knights, Treasurer; Executive Committee members and members.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed all those present and then handed over to Lord Petre to conduct the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ann Church, Colleen Devenish,, Elizabeth Cox, Maureen Innes, Derek Saffell and Bill Bayford.
3. **Minutes of the AGM held on 20 September 2018:** These were signed as a correct record.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** None.
5. **President and Vice-Presidents:** The Executive Committee had agreed that for the coming year Lord Petre should continue as President of the Society; that Ann Church, Fred Feather and Ann Turner should continue to be Vice Presidents and Eric Probert should also become a Vice President. This was accepted by the meeting.
6. **Chairman's Annual Report on behalf of the Trustees:** Paul Stirland gave the report, a full copy of which is attached to these Minutes and will also appear in the Essex Family Historian and on the Society's website.

Following this report a far-reaching discussion took place regarding the Executive's decision to cancel family membership. It was proposed by David Cooper that the Executive reconsider this which was seconded by Joan Potts and agreed by the meeting.

7. **Financial Report by the Treasurer:** Ron Knights said that the Annual Accounts to 31 March 2019 had been approved by the Executive Committee and were available on the Society's website. As usual, a shortened version had been sent to members with the journal, a full copy being obtainable from him if requested. A copy of his report is attached to these Minutes. Following the treasurer's report a number of questions were answered regarding the cessation of Gift Aid and concerns about future Find My Past royalties which were mentioned in the Treasurer's Report. Ron Knights then formally proposed adoption of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019. This was seconded by John Young and agreed nem. con.
8. **Election of Officers/Holding Trustees** With both Fred Feather and Paul Stirland standing for the post of Chairman an election was held by way of a ballot. Fred Feather received 43 votes and Paul Stirland 13. Fred thanked the Meeting and resigned as Vice President.

The other officials, **John Young**, Vice-Chairman, **Ron Knights**, Treasurer, and **Meryl Rawlings**, Secretary, had been nominated and were elected en bloc.

9. **Election of Executive Committee**

The following had been nominated and were elected en bloc

Heather Feather, Ray Poole, Colleen Devenish, Andrea Hewitt, David Cooper and Helen Matten.

Further nominations were invited from the floor. **Paul Stirland** was nominated by John Young and seconded by Heather Feather, and duly elected.

The following would serve as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee

Pauline Adlem, Elizabeth Cox, Janice Sharpe and Eric Jude.

10. **Any other relevant business:** None

Lord Petre then declared the meeting formally closed at 2.30 p.m.

Signed:
President

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