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AGENDA.

1. The Meeting will be opened by the President of the Association, Mr. K. Hill
2. Apologies for absence. FRANK BASTIN, TIM LUKER, SUSAN SYKES (W. GURAN) DON SAYERS, PRABY & TIMMINS, FRANK FORSTER.
3. Minutes of the 1981 Annual General Meeting.
4. Matters arising. (a) MARRIAGE WALLS. — SOME NOT OUT NAMES TO N.A.W.B. (b) COMMITTEE REAS.
5. Chairman's Report, 1981-82.
6. Treasurer's Report, 1980-81.
7. Election of members to the National Executive:

In accordance with Rule 8 (d), one third of the 12 elected members retire. In addition, Mrs. S. Lucas retires as co-opted member and Mr. and Mrs. N. Chiverton retire for personal reasons.

There will be seven vacancies to be filled.

The following nominations have been received, duly proposed and seconded:

Mr. P. Awbery, retiring member.
Mr. K.R.T. Bilham, retiring member.
Mr. R. Butcher, retiring member.
Mr. J. Chettle, retiring member.
Mrs. M.E. Ives, retiring Circle representative.
Mr. D. Pulley, retiring Federation representative.
~~Mrs. S. Lucas, retiring co-opted member.~~
Mr. G. Lashbrook, Individual member from Taunton.

Mr. M. Matthews has been nominated to represent N.A.W.B.J.

The names of one nominee each, to represent:

- a. Member Circles MRS S. LUCAS,
- b. Member Federations. NONE.

will be received, in writing, by the Secretary of N.A.W.B. prior to the start of the A.G.M.

Where no such nominees are received for posts (a) or (b) above, the Executive may nominate a person to fill the vacancy. (Rule 8 c).

8. Resolutions presented to the Meeting. PRABY.

Proposed that: With effect from 1st. July 1982, the annual subscription shall be raised from £4.40 per member to £4.50 and from £7.80 to £8.00 per married couple.

Proposed by the Executive.

9. Nomination of President of the Association 1982-83. KAN.
10. Presentation of the Executive. Retirements of Mr. and Mrs. Chiverton.
11. The President will close the meeting.

D.B. Ives,
General Secretary,
N.A.W.B.(A).

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the National Association of Wine and Beermakers (Amateur) held at Exeter University, Exeter, Devon, on Sunday, 29th March, 1981.

Mrs. S. Hill in the Chair.

Members representing 130 Individuals, Circles and Federations attended.

The Chairman, Mrs S. Hill, opened the meeting at 11.30 am explaining the unfortunate absence of the President, Mr Leslie Stagg, due to illness, and reading-out a letter from him apologising for not being able to be with us. He went on to say how, once again, he had thoroughly enjoyed his year in office, travelling and meeting many winemaking friends throughout the country, conscious at the time of the honour of representing NAWB and the winemaking movement.

Apologies had been received for absence from Mrs Peggy Baker, Mrs Judith Lloyd, Mrs Marian Skegg, Mrs Peggy Timmins, Mr Jim Luker and Mr Vic Goffen.

The Minutes of the 1980 Annual General Meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and unanimously adopted by the meeting.

Proposed : Mr Ben Turner. Seconded : Mr Dick Garrett.

Arising from these minutes, the Secretary, Mr D. Ives, reported that the maximum re-imbusement to Executive Committee members while on Association business during the year had been the same as for the previous two years. The rates were : Travelling expense, 2nd Class rail or 6.5p per mile road; subsistence up to a maximum of £1.35 for 5 hours or over, £2.85 for 10 hours or over; overnight stay £21.60.

The Chairman, in presenting her report, explained and apologised for the lateness of getting-out the schedule - the boxes arrived on her doorstep on Christmas Eve ! - and detailed the problems this had caused with our arrangements with Exeter. The major worry, because of last-minute applications, had been to try to assess the number of residents we could expect and weigh this against the cost of accommodation plus the figure of £2500 which was the charge for the hall.

We had hoped for an attendance of around 600 but in the event the figure was 430 and we would be charged for cancellations.

Mrs Hill said that the only guarantee of success is for a large membership of NAWB and for all those attending this type of venue to be in residence.

For next year, the 1982 Conference is to be held in Scarborough and as we are attending at the invitation of the Borough Council there should be few, if any, administration problems. The Spa complex is undergoing a facelift and new facilities should be available.

The dates are March 26/27/28 1982 and a mini-list will be available for members to arrange their own individual hotels.

The Chairman asked for full support from members.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mr Peter Awbery who presented the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th June, 1980. This showed an excess of income over expenditure amounting to £1233.86.

Mr Awbery talked-through the various items of the Balance Sheet and there were no questions from the floor.

Proposed : Mr Bill Harvey, Seconded : Mrs Freda Dobson, that the report be adopted. Carried unanimously.

Election to Executive Committee :

One third of the 12 elected members having retired, in accordance with Rule 8(d), four vacancies existed. Of the retiring members Messrs George Christmas and Ken Hill were not seeking re-election. Three nominations had been received, no ballot was needed and the following were elected to serve :

Mrs M. Drysdale (retiring Circle rep) and Messrs N. Chiverton and L. Drysdale (both retiring members).

This would leave a vacancy on committee but the Secretary pointed-out that the Executive have powers of co-option if necessary.

Mr Maurice Matthews had been nominated to represent the N.G.W.B.L. and, following special meetings at the Conference convened by the Secretary, nominations were received for the following representatives :

Circles - Mrs Marjorie Ives, York & District; Federations - Mr Dave Pulley, N.W. Kent.

All the nominations were accepted by the meeting and the representatives were elected to serve for 1981-82.

Resolutions presented to the meeting :

Amendments to Rules & Constitution.

The Executive proposed an increase in Subscription from £4.00 to £4.40 per member and from £7.00 to £7.80 per married couple.

The Treasurer, Mr Awbery, explained that although necessary in order to keep pace with inflation, the proposed increases had been kept as low as possible and were mainly to offset rising postal charges.

Mrs Joan Burrow, Individual member, Leeds, seconded the proposal and when put to the vote the Resolution was carried.

Two further proposals from the Executive sought permission to issue a reprint of the Constitution and Rules which would contain minor revisions and also an amendment which would delete reference to specific amounts relating to Registration Fee, Subscription per member and Subscription per married couple and, instead, contain the references 'as shall be determined by the Executive Committee' and 'shall be subject to ratification at a General Meeting.' This amendment is to Rule 5 - Subscriptions.

The details of the proposals were given by the Secretary who explained that the amendment, if approved, would save the need for constant up-dating of the printed Rules whenever the amounts of Fees and Subscriptions were changed.

The two proposals were seconded by Mr Stan Baker, Individual member, and when voted, were carried unanimously.

Other Resolutions.

Mr Dick Garrett, Individual member, proposed that all members be issued with a Membership Card containing the Rules and Constitution and also a receipt for their subscription. Seconded by Mr Gent, Individual member.

Replying to Mr Garrett's point that he had asked for this to be done at a previous AGM, the Secretary, Mr D. Ives, said that this was in line with the Executive's current plans for the production of a wallet-type card and that he had personally been engaged, since Mr Garrett's last request, in the preparation of an amended reprint of the Rules and Constitution which was now ready for the printers following acceptance of the two Resolutions presented today. He promised that the finished product would be ready to be despatched to members renewing subs from July 1st 1981.

The Resolution was put to the vote and carried with 3 against.

Nomination of President of the Association 1981-82.

The Executive nominated Mr K. Hill to be President of the Association for 1981-82.

The meeting unanimously approved the nomination and Mr Hill, in accepting the office, said that, after 19 years membership of the 'National', this was his proudest moment, especially so in the presence of members such as Ben, Fred, Cyril and Lillian. He was deeply conscious of the honour.

The Chairman introduced to the meeting each member of the Executive in turn, thanking them for their year's hard work and especially during the weekend in order to make the Show so successful. She asked for a special vote of thanks to retiring members Messrs George Christmas and Ken Hill for all their support and hard work over the past years.

In his closing remarks, the President, Mr Hill, thanked Leslie and Freda Stagg, in their absence, for all the hard work they have jointly put in for the movement and sent good wishes to both from us all.

Ken thanked his wife, Sybil, for a further year's office as Chairman. (Sybil had the grace to blush !)

Pointing-out that this afternoon's speaker, Mr Barrell, in his "Talking about Speaking" had omitted to explain what a speaker should say when everything has already been said by previous speakers (!) Mr Hill could only end by thanking everyone for attending and wishing safe journey home.

Hopefully, we shall all meet at Scarborough in 1982.

The President closed the meeting at 12.50 pm.

DOUG IVES.

General Secretary.