

24 The Annual General Meeting was held in the Reading Room Old Preston on 26/11/51 at 8-0 pm. 35 members being present.

The Secretary welcomed members after Mr. Houghton a member of the Oxford City Council and the representative on the Allotments Committee of that Council, beginning shows on the good work he had done for allotments in the City. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting, after read and on the proposition of Mr. Machon ~~and~~ seconded by Mr. Houghton those were accepted. It was decided that minutes should be left to the Secretary's report, agreed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer announced his balance sheet for 1951. He said that the balance for 1950 was £43 and that the 1951 balance was £67 ~~the~~.

The balance in the show fund for 1950 was £8-15-0 the balance for 1951 was £18-9-1.

It was proposed by Mr. Machon and seconded by Mr. Houghton that the balance sheet be accepted, carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary said that we had had a very good year. The membership was 212, there ~~was~~ were no outstanding debts and all plots were under cultivation.

He stated that 3 members had been expelled during the year for not cultivating their plots in a proper manner.

Motion

The motion had been introduced into the allotments for a distance of 375 ft. ~~There~~ was room that out of 100 members in the City field only 27 had connected to the call for voluntary labour in this work, and he hoped that if a similar call was made this year more members would turn up.

Motion

This was all said in being said, without a hand raised to it it was workers' ~~board~~ a reply from the City Council.

that this year would probably be done during the next financial year.

Meeting

He suggested that if a bench was dug at the lower end of the allotments falling towards the ditch this would be greatly diminished, also in some cases it would also be of use to be away with the paths at the top of plots.

Meeting

A very successful show was held during the year with 213 entries. The dimension was very high and he felt that more waves of members would take part during 1951.

He also said he put on record his thanks to the judges and the donors of the cups of which we had a selection of which we should be very proud to be thought that for a small society they were second to none.

He also said that Mrs Jolley, one of the judges, was prepared to give lectures on the preparation of her exhibits
A trip was arranged to Norms Woodmen and was a great success.

Tree

Mr Estonville had been submitted for this with a recommendation that this be accepted.

Tree

He said he would approach the City Council once again with regard to this

Meeting

The Secretary closed his report with thanks to the committee for the help he had had during past years and stating that he had been approached by the local justice officer about expediting on the footpath. This must cause no prosecution would probably result.

Walter Anson
has spoken

Mr Mitchell asked about the blocking up of articles by members. It was suggested that authors should be asked to be the committee.

Mr Cook suggested that a sub-committee should be set up to go into the matter of blocking and seals generally. It was agreed that this should be done by the new committee.

Mr Knight

In a very interesting speech Mr Knight spoke on subjects which all listeners had in mind namely, long loans, and the taking of land for building.

He was pleased to see so many members present, and congratulated the Society on the healthy state of their bank balance.

He said he would press the City Council to get the bulges attended to as soon as possible.

With regard to the seal he said that all the money for this had been spent but promised to push for it as much as possible.

He congratulated us on the answer to our appeal for voluntary labour, and said that another society of which he was a member had had a much smaller number for many more members.

With regards to long loans he said that the City Council were being pressed to give those and he thought that we should get this sometime.

He also made reference to the Bell Plan stating that this was the plan which the Allotments Committee hope to get approved. As it showed land allocated for allotments, He thought it was a terrible thing that allotments should be taken away without the land being made available, and hope for support in this matter.

Mr Knight was warmly applauded at the end of his speech.

a number of questions were put to Mr Knight about
leaves, which he answered by referring to some made
in his speech, and said that he hoped we should get
a direct reply on these matters during the next year.
Mr Brown who read correspondence he had received
from City Council on this matter

Election of Officers.

Mr Knight was elected chairman for the evening
President after a vote Mr Hoyle was elected,
the Vice President who elected on this with the
aid of Mr Knight, and Mr Turner.

Mr Brown was re-elected Secretary
Mr Humbel " " Treasurer

Mr Spicer and Mr Hunter were re-elected auditors
Chairman to be elected by the committee
the following were elected to the committee
Messrs Drage, Hetherington, Houston and Graham
for the City field and
Messrs. Huxley, Cox, Mitchell and Longland for the
Rotten field.

~~Business~~

Alteration to Rules

Rule 3 and Rule 8 were altered as suggested by
the organising committee

Any other Business

Mr Muehler asked if it would be possible to get the
City Council to settle up the Year Clubs, the Secretary
said he had written to Mr Bleaswell about
this matter who said that if word from the
making of the year could be put in he would
write to him again.
Mr Galle that a rule be made prohibiting any
allottee from taking produce from other plots
without other member being present.
An amendment by Mr Muehler that permission be

given in writing after a long discussion
this was carried by 22 votes to 3.
Mr Shapley asked that a notice be placed on
the notice board about females preferred to
where speaking, agreed to
Mr Spier asked why a general meeting was
not held about an incident of stealing,
it was pointed out from the chair the members
had not asked for one as one was not called,
a question was put from the floor as to what
action the society could take towards getting a
ball removed from a field across which was a
right of way to the allotments.
It was decided that we should write to the
Parish Council, Police, and the City Council,
there being no other trustees the meeting closed at
10-0 pm.

M. H. Spier