

# **ROLLE CANAL & NORTHERN DEVON WATERWAYS SOCIETY**

Registered at HMRC Charities reference number ZD09423

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To be held in the Learning Centre, RHS Rosemoor Gardens  
Sunday 23rd April 2023 at 2.00pm.

**Prior to the meeting, there will be a presentation by Mike Guegan,  
Chairman of North Devon Maritime Museum.**

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022.**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Chairman's Report**
- 5. Election of Committee members**

In accordance with the Constitution the following Committee members are put forward for re-election having served a 3 year term:

Mike Harper, Hilary Wills, Margaret Shambrook

- 6. Election of Executive Committee. Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer and Secretary**

Ian Harrison (Chair), Tony Barnes (Vice-chair/Treasurer) and Tony Nicholls (Secretary) are all willing to stand for a further term.

- 7. Treasurer's Report.**
- 8. Membership Secretary's Report.**
- 9. Project reports.**
  - 9.1 Sealock - Adrian Wills**
  - 9.2 Ridd - Tony Nicholls**
  - 9.3 Furzebeam - Tony Barnes**
  - 9.4 Rosemoor - Ian Harrison**

- 10. Questions from members.**

**At the end of the meeting there will be an informal celebration to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inauguration of the Rolle Canal & Northern Devon Waterways Society.**

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## **INVITATION FOR NOMINATIONS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Nominations are invited from full members of the Society to serve on the Executive Committee.

If you are interested, please email the Chairman Ian Harrison at:

[halehillfarm@gmail.com](mailto:halehillfarm@gmail.com)

# MINUTES OF THE ROLLE CANAL & NORTHERN DEVON WATERWAYS SOCIETY

## AGM 2022

Held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm at RHS Rosemoor

The meeting commenced with a very interesting talk by John Puddy about the work of the SS Freshspring Trust

A total of approximately 30 members and members of the public attended

**Apologies for Absence** were received from Chris Jewell, Tony and Julia Barnes, Tony Nicholls, Mike Chambers and Mr and Mrs Boatfield

**Minutes of AGM meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022** were unanimously accepted after amendment of 10.2 to read Lord Clinton not Lord Rolle

**Matters Arising** covered elsewhere on the Agenda

**Chair's Report** Ian Harrison said that it was good that so many members had remained loyal to the RCNDWS during the recent difficult times

Thanks were given to John Puddy for his interesting talk and enthusiasm was expressed for the idea of joint working

The summer walks programme had been a great success

5 walks were planned for 2022 plus a day trip to visit the Stover Canal on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

In September a grant of £1000 was received from the Bideford Bridge Trust. Norman Richards and others were thanked for the work that they had done in securing this.

A grant of £12000 had been funding awarded by A.I.A. for work on the Middle Basin at Sea Lock which was allowing substantial progress to be made.

A regular programme of working parties was continuing

Facebook and the website were helping RCNDWS to keep in touch with members and the public

**Committee members put forward for re-election having served their 3 year term,** Tony Barnes, Mike Chambers, Michael Elliott, Ian Harrison, Chris Hassell, Chris Jewell, Tony Nicholls, Adrian Wills were unanimously re-elected

**Election of Executive Committee** Ian Harrison, Chair and Tony Barnes, Treasurer were unanimously re-elected, Margaret Shambrook stood down as Minutes Secretary, Tony Nicholls was unanimously elected to the post

**Treasurer's Report** Mike Elliott presented this in the absence of Tony Barnes. RHS would now take responsibility for paying the expenses for work at Rosemoor

**Membership Secretary's Report** last year membership was 105 to date this year 9 family, 19 individual and 26 memberships had been paid and 30 donations for amounts between £2 – 100 had been received

## **Project Reports**

**Sea Lock** Adrian Wills presented a report

**Ridd** Tony Nicholls reported that vegetation had been cut back round the building owned by The Environment Agency and much of the water meadows. The possibility of renting the area on a peppercorn rent was being investigated

**Furzebeam** it was reported on Tony Barnes' behalf that he was negotiating with Clinton Estate to get fallen trees removed from the site, A few years ago there had been a major collapse and schemes for funding and carrying out the necessary repairs were still being investigated

Efforts were being made to remove self set vegetation from the basin. Drainage was a continuing problem

**Rosemoor** Ian Harrison reported that at present work was concentrated on the leat area to Darkham Weir and the tucking mill was being excavated.

RHS was hoping to use the area of the canal basin to hold water as a reservoir for an irrigation system by 2030 with a new woodland walk and reinstatement of the towpath. The lime kilns were being made safe for visitors to the area

**AOB** John Puddy said that collaborative working with other bodies with similar interests such as SS Freshspring Trust and North Devon Maritime Museum could be mutually beneficial for purposes of publicity and volunteer recruitment

**Meeting closed at 3.45**