

The Friends of Raymond

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THAT WAS HELD VIRTUALLY ON SUNDAY 5th February 2023 AT 11AM

In attendance:-

Trustees

Graham Newman - Chairman
Chris R Jones - Secretary
Diana Golder
Roger Golder
Chris M Jones
Nick Lake
Nick Scarcliffe
Brian Seymour
Norman Townsend

Members

Mike Bowley
Graham Latty
Mo Murray
Christine Thompson
Howard William
Martin Sac
Paul Weal
Frankie Morini
Mark Hyland
Tracey Little
Rich Greenhall
Diane Robson

1. Apologies for absence

Malcolm McKimmie,
Henry Rayment
Neil Hankin,
Paul Robinson,
Kirk Martin
Ray Dent,
Graham Swallow

2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the last Annual general meeting were presented by the Chairman and accepted.

3. Matters Arising and Outstanding

None

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman provided a review of the Charity activities in 2022 in the papers provided to members. NL stated that the issue of new officers would be raised in item 8.

5. Election / Re-election of Chairman

GN was unanimously re-elected as Chairman by the meeting, Proposed by NL and seconded by NT.

6. 2022 Accounts and Treasurer's Report

NL noted that Trustees had accepted his report and accounts had been signed by the Chairman and filed accordingly.

Income for 2022 was £11,629 and expenditure £8,700. Overall a very good year for the Charity with a surplus of £2,923 and balance on accounts of £9,500. The current worth of the Charity is £84,512.

Donations in 2022 had been £6,000 of which £3,000 by members including a significant amount from the efforts of NT and KW and their subsequent donation.

Current balance on the accounts is £8,981 having recently paid the boats insurance. £5,000 of this balance has been earmarked and ring fenced for boat maintenance in 2023.

7. Sales and Marketing Report

BS provided a report on the excellent sales and marketing activities that had been achieved during the first year after the lockdown. Thanks for their efforts during the year should be noted from Gongoozlers and Village Community Cafe as well as efforts of all who have volunteered on the stalls. A record number of Jam and Marmalade has been sold during 2022 and the 2023 batch will be collected very shortly.

8. Membership Report

NL provided an update on membership with an increase of 11 members and loss of 7 though some had changed to joints. There has been two notable losses with the illness to Robin Bishop and passing of Tom Lapworth who was an Honorary member. A significant number of renewals were outstanding and would be chased shortly.

The limited number of officers of the Charity was causing concern and NL will be requesting the membership in the next newsletter to consider if they can volunteer to take on some of the officer roles to lighten the load from the existing team particularly in treasurer, volunteer co-ordinator and Sales and Marketing roles.

9. Boat Maintenance Report

NT provided an overview of boat maintenance during the year. A new stove was installed in Raymond in 2022 and was welcomed by all and two dockings took place. Works are planned at Brinklow on both boats in the coming months and work party over Easter .

10. Shows and Events 2023

The Charity intends to attend the Rickmansworth event and is currently looking for volunteers to crew the boats. The Braunston Historic is shortly to be advertised and the Chairman indicated that Hasty and Kildare will lead the rally rather than President.

Other shows are being considered for later in the summer and autumn but the Easter working party was a priority with a sales stand at Braunston. GN stated the dry dock may be available to the Charity and this would enable more work to be carried out on Raymond.

11. Publicity and News

NL reported that the newsletter will be released next week and then sent out regularly thereafter. Suggestion to send out monthly emails of upcoming events was welcomed and accepted.

NT requesting an update on the sign boards and it was agreed a meeting would be held with GN, BS, NT and NL in the next two weeks to move this forward.

12. Any other business

The Chairman thanked all for attending and noted the good attendance of members.

13. Dates of Future Meetings.

Date for the 2024 AGM will be announced later in the year.