**Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday 29 November 2015**

**Aldborough Village Hall, Aldborough.**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Bill Holding (Chairman) Mike Barwell (Treasurer & Archivist), Sally Lane(Secretary) Lorraine Fishwick, Val Kearney, Hannah Silcock, Dave Barthram, Adrian Incledon-Webber, Alison Incledon-Webber, David Telford, Paul Buskin, David Ross, Marie Ross, Jane Lawrence

**Apologies:**

Isabel Derry, Jenny Haigh, David Sharpe.

1. **Election of Officers**

Chairman Bill Holding,

Secretary Sally Lane

Treasurer Mike Barwell

Public Relations David Sharpe

All were unanimously re-elected and unanimously confirmed in post.

An additional election was made of Lorraine Fishwick to the committee.

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

* The Minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

* There were none.

**4. Chairman’s Report on the Last Year**

* The events planned for the past few years have exceeded expectations and have been well attended.
* We have lost a few members but gain others brining membership to approximately 50.
* There have been an average of 26 people attending the Aldborough events.
* We had some really good site visits this year including Bolsover Castle and Hardwick Hall. The visit to the Druids Temple was particularly well attended.
* We have some excellent speakers this year including Adrian Incledon-Webber and David Lockwood.
* Expenses have been mainly to pay for expenses for Speakers coming to Adborough and attending events such as Gary Biltcliffe and Caroline Hoare coming to Lindisfarne.
* Ridings Dowers gets a good level of people with varying knowledge.
* The committee works well and is a credit to its members.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

A copy of the Accounts is attached.

Mike explained that:

* Income has increased whilst expenditure has decreased.
* There have been a couple more members this year compared to last year
* £250 - £350 have been spent on speakers which is reflected by the quality of the speakers we have had this year.
* The assets relate to flags, measuring equipment, signage etc for IDD.
* The cheque paid for Insurance and affiliation fees to the BSD has been returned now they are unable to continue covering the insurance. It had been more successful this year that last year with the number attending site visits having increased.

Approval of the accounts was unanimously agreed.

1. **Plans for the Year Ahead**

* **Earth Energies Group**

Since the BSD have disbanded Earth Energies Group Bill will continue to call his group the EEG. Ridings Dowsers members were invited to support the events planned for next year:

* + 22 & 23 May 2016 – Bolsolver Castle
  + 6 & 7 August – Thornborough Henges
* **Weekend Away**

The weekend in Lindisfarne has had a good response with over 20 members currently planning on attending. Full details are on the website including a list of accommodation.

* **International Dowsing Day**

We’ll be going to a new venue this year Temple Newsome in Leeds. This will be Sunday the 8th May 2016.

* **Christian Kyriacou**

Has offered to do a full day when he comes in February 2016.

* **Website**

The new website will be up and running in the next few weeks and is much improved on the old one. Clicking on the event will provide a full report.

**6. Any Other Business**

* **Insurance**

The BSD have informed us that they are no longer able to cover the insurance. Bill has therefore confirmed that his personal insurance which covers Public Liability is sufficient. The BSD have returned the funds paid for insurance last year. Adrian Incledon-Webber recommended a cost effective provided called HIS (Holistic Insurance Services.)

* **Membership**

Membership will remain as £15 per individual or £20 per couple living at the same address. Subscriptions are due in September although concessions have been given to members joining in February/March of £10.

* **10 Year Anniversary**

It will be Ridings Dowsers 10 year anniversary next year so suggestions on how we can celebrate are welcome. As the current Ridings Dowsers banner is getting tatty Bill requested a new banner at an approximate cost of between £80 - £130 which was approved.

**7. Date of the Next Meeting**

The next AGM will be held on Sunday 27 November 2016 and will be held at Aldborough Village Hall before the usual talk.

**And Finally**

Before the meeting closed Hannah Silcock thanked the committee for all their hard work.

The meeting closed at 2.00 p.m.