

Friends of Lavell's Lake AGM

Charity Number: 297074

Dinton Pastures MAC on Monday 20th January 2014 at 7.30 pm

Present: Fraser Cottington (Chairman), Peter Scudamore (Treasurer), Jane Campbell (Secretary), Les Blundell, Ron Bryant, Ray Reedman, Alan Rymer, Brian Bennett, Renton Righelato, Simon Bartlam and 11 other members.

Apologies for absence were received from Gray Burfoot, David Fuller and Bert May

The approval of the minutes of the last AGM held January 15th 2013 was proposed by Ray Reedman and seconded by Les Blundell.

2014 Reports

- **Chairman's Report:** This was sent to all members of the group in advance of the meeting.
 - Fraser suggested the group pay for professional services to develop a website that can offer an improved members' area.
- **Countryside Service Report:** Simon Bartlam's report was also sent out in advance of the meeting.
 - Fraser thanked Simon for his hard work and the help he provides to FOLL.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Copies were provided. Peter highlighted the main points which were:
 - It was noted that the period covered was 14 months due to a change of accounting period.
 - Membership income has increased but donations have decreased.
 - The gift-aid submission has been confirmed as received by HMRC; the group still needs to enter a claim.
- **Election of Officers**

Chairman: Fraser Cottington	Proposer: Brian Bennett, seconded by: Bob Bennett
Treasurer: Peter Scudamore	Proposer: Bob Bennett, seconded by: Alan Rymer
Secretary: Jane Campbell	Proposer: Renton Righelato, seconded by: Ray Reedman

Other committee members:

Les Blundell, Ron Bryant, Brian Bennett, Renton Righelato

Alan Rymer and Ray Reedman retired from the committee. Fraser thanked them for their hard work and commitment.

Requests were made for volunteers to help with two new roles:

- Publicity/media: Alan Rymer will cover this in the short term
- Fund raising and grant applications: Phil Kinch offered his services. It was noted that funding is more readily available for well thought out projects.

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- It was suggested that 'Himalayan balsam bashing' is started earlier this year.
- A request for members' contact details to be listed on the website was discussed.

- Fraser asked if members would like social events to be arranged. It was felt that a summer family event with a BBQ, activities and information stands would be worthwhile.
- The group has conservation charity status which it was felt is at odds with it organising more social events and trips. There are many local groups which already offer such services.
- Brian Bennett proposed a huge thanks to Fraser for his commitment to the group, enthusiasm and hard work; this was supported by everyone present.

The AGM finished at 8.40 and was followed by a very informative and enjoyable talk by local expert entomologist Jon Cole.