

ORMSKIRK AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
Minutes of the 41st annual General Meeting held on 26th May 2021
Via Zoom

1. Welcome and Opening Address

Kate Hurst, Chair, opened the meeting by thanking all those who had joined us on Zoom.

2. Apologies for Absence

Dot Broady Hawkes, Keith Jenkins, Sue Clark, Margaret Rothwell, Sheila Galligan, Dennis Walton.

3. Registration of Members Present

Kate Hurst, Pam Richardson, Geoff Brade (Perth), Sally Dean, June Bibby, Pat Lucas, June Dean Golics, Kathryn MacDonald, Keith Broadbent, Brylin Highton (N.Z), Norma Gregson, Stephen Huyton, Alan Cooper, Jennifer Rogers, Percival Jones, Lyne Graham, Pam Greaves, Phil & Julie.

4. Amendment to the Constitution.

Due to Covid restrictions, it had not been possible to hold an AGM in May of last year, and at present we still cannot hold face to face meetings, so we have to hold a digital AGM via Zoom. In order for us to do this we need to amend Clause 5 of our Constitution by adding 'Meetings, including the AGM, may be held in person, digitally or by any appropriate hybrid'.

Unanimously agreed.

5. Minutes of 40th AGM

As the Society had not been able to hold an AGM in 2020 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, there were no Minutes to discuss.

6. Chairman's Report

Kate thanked everyone for continuing to support the Society through the past 15 months, when we have had to cancel meetings, been unable to attend outside events and had delayed magazines. We've all had to adjust to digital meetings and virtual events, and if there has been a positive side, then it is that the pandemic has prompted us to modernise the way we operate the Society. We also lost Bill Huyton in January but the Society is now in a good position to go forward and carry on Bill's work.

7. Report of the Honorary Secretary

A copy of the full report is available in the members area of the Society Website. It covers all the activities of the Society including membership, sales, the library, our 2 websites, meetings, Facebook and Youtube. Over the past 18 months much work has gone on to improve our website and include some of the many donation to our Library in the members section. The boatfamilies website has continued to grow adding more than 5000 names.

8. Report of the Honorary Treasurer

A copy of the Accounts for the past 2 years are available in the members area of the website, and the last year accounts will be put in the next magazine.

Sally reported that we are in a comfortable financial position despite the problems of the past year when membership fell as did sales.

The Accounts had been independently audited by Ian White.

9. Election of Officers

Nomination for Chair for the period 1/4/2020 - 31/3/22 Kate Hurst

Unanimously agreed

Nomination for Secretary period 1/4/2020 - 31/3/22 Pam Richardson

Unanimously agreed

Nomination for Treasurer period 1/4/21 - 31/3/23 Sally Dean

Unanimously agreed

10. Election of Executive Committee

Members elected to the Executive Committee for the 12 months 1/4/20 - 31/3/21: June Golics, Andrew Scarisbrick, Keith Jenkins, Bill Huyton, Dot Broady Hawkes, Eunice Woof, Kathryn MacDonald, Sheila Galligan and Alan Cooper.

Unanimously accepted.

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June Dean Golics, Andrew Scarisbrick, Keith Jenkins, Dot Broady Hawkes, Kathryn MacDonald, Alan Cooper, Keith Broadbent, Norma Gregson, Eunice Woof.

10. Auditors

Ian White was unanimously accepted as auditor for 2019/20.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

12. The Chair closed the meeting by thanking those present for their support.

This was followed by a Presentation by Kate Hurst entitled The Ormskirk Recusant

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