

**The Ford and Fordson Association
Annual General Meeting
Sunday 26th February 2017 at 12.30
Fresian Hall, Tractor World Show, Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire**

The Minutes

Twenty-one members attended the meeting, which took place in the Freisian Hall during the annual Tractor World Show at Malvern for the third year running.

The timing of the AGM was delayed so that it did not coincide with the timing of the Show's Prize Giving at 12 noon. It was pleasing to note that the FFA Stand and Tractor Display won first prize for the Best Club Stand, repeating its success in both 2015 and 2016.

Committee Members attending: Chairman Pat Pawsey, Merchandise Managers Rodney and Wendy Gibson, Show Managers Margaret and Derek Badham, Ken Bailey, Ian Prince, Treasurer/Secretary Jane Broomhall and Membership Secretary Keith Broomhall.

Apologies for absence were given by President Nick Battelle, Website Manager Graeme Clark, and Committee Peter Godwin.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Election of Officers

The Secretary explained that Conrad Hopkins had resigned from the Committee during the year and that both Lin Prince and Peter Mitchem had been co-opted to the Committee.

Committee members whose membership expires in 2017 were advised as Rodney and Wendy Gibson, Peter Godwin, Margaret and Derek Badham, Nick Battelle and Ken Bailey. Each had confirmed that they were happy to stand for a further three years.

Their election was confirmed by those present.

Minutes of the last AGM held on Sunday 29th February 2016 at 12.00 noon at Malvern were distributed ahead of the meeting and the Secretary provided a summary of the content. Proposed by Keith Broomhall and seconded by Andrew Green the Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report – Pat Pawsey

This is the third AGM to be held at Tractor World, I did wonder when we first tried this whether it would meet with members' approval. So far there has been very little criticism, but I am sure you will let us know if you are unhappy with the arrangement continuing.

I am sorry to announce that Conrad Hopkins resigned from the committee last year, I am sure that we will continue to see him. I am pleased to welcome two new committee members, Peter Mitchem and Lin Prince who were co-opted during the year. Both are well known to many of you, Peter has been active particularly in Kent and Lin has agreed to become our Show Co-ordinator.

Also during the business part of this meeting, revisions to the Club's Constitution are necessitated because of last year's changes and will be discussed.

I am pleased to report another very successful year for the Club and of the many events attended I shall just mention two;

The first was The World Ploughing Championships held near York. Roger Ingham organised a Ford & Fordson ploughing section that was a great success, thanks to Roger's hard word and the sheer professionalism of his fellow Yorkshire ploughmen. It was an enormously interesting event on a huge site with something for everyone even, dare I say it, for those not really into ploughs! I hope that the Club's success will be repeated at the Nationals this year.

The second was the "New Show on the Block" - Autumn Tractor World at Newbury. This is another 'Mark Woodward production'. The Club was there and I thought that the show has great potential, but it does need more 'under cover area' if its future is to be assured.

The new subscription arrangements agreed last year have been well received and although it has made a lot more work for Jane and Keith I hope that that will lessen as more members become used to the new system. We have had one or two instances of members receiving renewal reminders from Kelsey by mistake. This should not happen but please let Jane know if you receive one.

Over the years, I have continually stressed the Club's need for local representatives and am very pleased to report that Mike Mitchell will now be covering Somerset for us. As you know we are asked to take a Club stand to many more shows than the committee has the manpower to deal with, and could not possibly attend as many without our area representatives taking charge and running their local events themselves. I know I have said all this before but it demonstrates just how important area representatives and our ploughing directors are to the Club. They really are the "backbone" of the Club and I thank them all for the tremendous work they put in.

We also all owe a terrific vote of thanks to the members' wives for all they do. I can tell you that without them there would be very little in the way of teas and coffees and certainly no cake or biscuits. It just doesn't bear thinking about; events just wouldn't be nearly as enjoyable without them and I am sure you will join with me in thanking them all.

I must also thank the committee for the work they have put in, much of which is behind the scenes. If things happen as they should, it goes quite unnoticed but I can assure you that they all really work very hard for the Club.

Lastly, I became Chairman in 2011 with the intention of serving for three years and have made no secret recently of my wish to step down. It has been a privilege to serve you and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chairman but I am not getting any younger and it is time to make way for someone new with fresh ideas to take the Club forward.

Thank you.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Jane Broomhall

The accounts cover the calendar year 2016.

For the record, the accounts have been audited by a chartered accountant at no cost to the Association and, as previously advised, any cheque transactions require two signatories.

Public Liability Insurance is in place for £5,000,000 and we continue as members of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Club. This body keeps Associations like the FFA in touch with all the relevant regulations.

Income

Sponsorship monies relate to ploughing sponsorship by Russells (£75). A further £150 was received from Cheffins after the year end closed.

If you recall, sponsorship by Kelsey ended in March 2016 last year and from that point the Association pay Kelsey £2 per magazine for UK members and £3 per magazine for Overseas members. These sums are paid on a magazine by magazine basis.

Consequently, we retain £8 for UK members and £12/£15 for Europe/World members. Of course, we incur costs in respect of subscriptions, in respect of postage, membership cards and stickers, but retain a healthy sum within the Club.

Membership subscriptions totaled £10,617.61 during the year.

Subscriptions have been regular throughout the period with members renewing at the annual events we attend, i.e. Malvern and Newark, but also individually by postal applications.

Following the changes with Kelsey last year I received 137 enquiries regarding the transfer of subscription to the Association. Most people have done so but a number remained with Kelsey.

Direct debit has been popular and to date we have 80 members subscribing in this way.

Merchandise sales have continued at a good level at the many events attended during the year and via postal orders which are handled by Wendy and Rodney. Sales amounted to £7,965.46.

Fundraising income relates to ploughing matches £50, registrations £740 and provision of teas, coffee etc. of £1,363.71.

Expenditure

Probably self-explanatory, but;

Subscription transfers relates to the monies paid to Kelsey for distribution of the Ford and Fordson Tractors Magazine.

Merchandise costs for purchases of the range of FFA clothing and accessories, together with postage out for the same provide a total of £7,215.89.

Exhibition costs reduced in 2016 but at £3,736.90, included the purchase of an additional marquee, to give a total of three of the pop-up style which better represent the Association. Costs also included a contribution to Tim Pearman for hosting his family weekend in August last year.

An additional £552 was spent on trophies and plaques.

Stationery and postage at £754.84 is close to the £804.31 figure in 2015. **There were no telephone costs.**

Summary

Our income exceeded our expenditure by £4,102.33 compared to an adverse situation last year where expenditure exceeded income by £2,222.22.

The balance at the bank as at 31st December totaled £17,645.29 and the merchandise stock in hand totaled £10,478.

The Future

As at the 16th February we have 497 full members, including 24 overseas (compared to 380 last year) and, also 31 member-only subscriptions.

Kelsey no longer send reminders to our Members.

Once again, we have enjoyed a most successful year with tremendous support from members, event organizers and Kelsey Publishing.

Thank you.

Review of the Constitution

The Secretary and Chairman explained that the FFA Constitution required adjustment following the changed relationship with Kelsey in March 2016. This impacted on the contact address for the Association, the types of membership available and the timing of the AGM, now held in Spring each year rather than Autumn. Everyone attending the AGM were in favor of the adjustments and the proposal was seconded by Keith Broomhall.

Any Other Business

It was suggested by Andrew Green and agreed by all that we might make better use of email in the circulation of Club information to members. [Approximately 70% of members provide email information].

The Chairman advised that within issue 78 of the Club's magazine his pages would include a letters section; he asked for feedback as to whether members thought it a good idea.

Andrew Green asked how many members did the Club have in relation to the number of magazines circulated by Kelsey and whether we could incent people to subscribe via direct debit.

Nick Bryne suggested that a six-monthly direct debit, rather than annual, might be attractive and the Secretary agreed to see if this would be possible with the Club's direct debit provider.

Andrew Green commented on the warmth and welcome of the FFA stand at Malvern which is enjoyed by all.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 13.10.

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**FORD AND FORDSON ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016**



Income

Sponsorship	75.00
Membership Subscriptions	10,617.61
Merchandise Sales, inc. postage	7,965.46
Fundraising	2,153.71

Total **20,811.78**

Expenditure

Subscription Transfer	3,871.93
Merchandise Purchases	6,943.40
Exhibitions/AGM	3,736.90
Insurance	577.51
Trophies/Plaques	552.38
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	754.84
Merchandise Postage	272.49

Total **16,709.45**

Excess of Income over Expenditure **4,102.33**

Balance Brought Forward from 31 December 2015 **13,542.96**

Balance at Bank as at 31 December 2016 **17,645.29**

Merchandise stock in hand **10,478.00**

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