

**Minutes of the
41st BPOA Annual General Meeting
held on Monday 14th January 2020 at
the Kingsgate Conference Centre,
Peterborough at 16:30**



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1. The Chairman's welcome. James Alcaraz, as current Chairman, formally thanked all members for attending the meeting.
2. **Apologies:**
G. Hill,
Present
C. Need, M. Smith, L. Mason, S. Lowen, T. Kerley, A. Abbey, G. Woodruffe, J. Alcaraz, J. Lisher, R. Squance, P. Mabon, M. Riley, G. Edwards.
In attendance W. Brough; S. Davenport (Secretary);
3. Approval of the minutes of the a 40th annual general meeting held on January 14th 2019—unanimously approved.
4. Matters arising: SD asked to add trophy asset value to the accounts.
5. Reports to the AGM
 - a Chairman's report- JA referred to his written report which was distributed at the meeting. He raised the issue of peat extraction and in the following discussion Wayne Brough responded that trials of alternative media had been done and Mike smith confirmed that some of these were at Meadow Croft
 - b The **Treasurers report** and budget was given by Lyndon Mason.
 - c Graeme Edwards gave a short report on behalf of the chair of the Technical Committee, Graeme Edwards, drawing attention to the activities in the past year, the interaction with AHDB and the areas of interest for individual committee members . GS drew attention to the increase role of the Technical Secretary.
 - d Emily Roads presented a NFU update report which was distributed in her absence.
 - e Executive officer : apart from giving a brief review of the year's activity, SD drew attention to the 40th Anniversary of the Association and the importance to the industry of an independent growers group.
6. Elections to the committees were held and the results are summarised in the annexe (as members of the committees were serving their second years, it was

ACTION
SD to review the value of the trophies and their inclusion in assets.

not necessary to re-elect them).

- a The accountants David Shores & Co. were re-appointed. (Proposed M Smith—unanimous)
- b Election of Management Committee—Nem Con
- c Election of the Technical Committee- All serving their second year.

7. Any other business:

Thanks were expressed to Peter Seabrook for his presentation and promotional work on the Fantasia display at RHS Hyde Hall in Essex. Members were unanimous in their support for the ongoing project and wished to be involved with the fundraising. A sub- committee was proposed of M. Smith, T. Kerley and S.Lowen to coordinate efforts to assist Peter.

8. **Date of the next Annual General Meeting:
Wednesday January 20th, 2021 Stoneleigh**

Meeting closed 17:15



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ACTION
TK SM and SL to meet Peter Seabrook..

BPOA Committees 2020	officers	2020
Management committee		
Simon Davenport	Secretary	-
Lee Abbey	NFU Representative	-
James Alcaraz	Chair	2nd Year
Phil Mabon	co-opted	2nd Year
Tim Kerley		2nd Year
Kersten Catella		resigned
Andy Abbey		2nd Year
Stuart Lowen		2nd Year
Tracey Dunn		resigned
Lyndon Mason		2nd Year
Colin Edwards		2nd Year
Andrew Spiers		2nd Year
Technical Committee		
Chris Need	Technical Secretary	-
Elysia Bartel	Meeting Secretary	-
Graeme Edwards	Chair	2nd Year
Vasile Agache	Vice Chair	2nd Year
Stefan Antanasov	co-opted	2nd Year
Caroline Shove		2nd Year
Fay Richardson		resigned
Michael Smith		2nd Year
Howard Braime		2nd Year
Russell Woodcock		2nd Year
Lyndon Mason		2nd Year
Luke Lloyd		2nd Year
Andrew Fuller		2nd Year
Ollie Opperman		2nd Year
Neil Bragg		2nd Year
James Lisher		2nd Year
Wayne Brough	AHDB Hort Communications officer	-
Georgina Key	AHDB Hort representative	-
Jon Swain	NFU Energy representative	-
John Adlam	HTA representative	-
Jill England	RSK ADAS	-
Harry Kitchener	Consultant	-