



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE GARDEN INDUSTRY MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (1999) Ltd.

Held at Bicester Avenue Garden Centre

on Wednesday 10th April 2013

GIMA Council Member Richard Pyrah of Kelkay Ltd
chaired the meeting in the absence of the GIMA Honorary Secretary.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Debbie Waudby Norfolk Leisure Lifestyle Ltd
- Nick Anderson Norfolk Leisure Lifestyle Ltd
- Andy Simmons Pest-Stop Systems Limited
- Chris Ramsden Suttons Seeds

There were no other apologies received.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 28th March 2013

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record. (Proposed by Steve Millington, Bosmere Products and seconded by Barry Page, Town & Country) All were in favour.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the AGM.

4. COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

There were four Council Members due to retire on a rotation basis:

- Chris Ramsden
- Spencer Goodall
- Richard Bence
- Steve Millington

Of these, Spencer Goodall is not offering to re-stand and GIMA thanks him for his service and commitment to the Association over many years, including his recent role as President. The remaining three are all offering themselves for re-election.

In addition, during the course of the year for a variety of reasons some members of the Council had been required to resign their positions these included:

- Peter Field
- Maz Stokes
- Nicola Bacon
- Jeff Kwiatkowski
- Glynn Davis

Again, GIMA give grateful thanks to all those who had served and given their time and skills to the Association for the benefit of its members.

Nomination papers have been circulated in accordance with the Articles of Association and nominations at the point of closure were received from:

- Chris Ramsden, Suttons Seeds Ltd
- Richard Bence, Tenax UK Ltd.
- Steve Millington, Bosmere Products Ltd.
- Alan Sheppard, Burgon & Ball

- Tara Truman, William Sinclair Horticulture Ltd.
- Colin Wetherley-Mein, VITAX Ltd
- Chris Holloway, Town & Country
- Rebecca Fairbairn, Westland Horticulture Ltd.
- David Carey, Mr. Fothergill's Seeds Ltd.

In addition, Nomination Papers have been received for two candidates who have previously been co-opted to Council. These were:

- Matt Jackson, Briers Ltd
- Rainer Schubert, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Co. Ltd.

It was confirmed that all eleven nominations received were valid and could therefore stand for election to Council. On this basis, he asked for a proposer and Seconder. Proposed by Glynn Davis, Bosmere Products and seconded by Spencer Goodall, Dlf Trifolium.

Richard Pyrah confirmed that these nominees would join the existing Council Members who are:

- Nigel Thompson, Stewart Garden
- Andy Simmons, Pest Stop Systems
- Richard Pyrah, Kelkay
- Sarah Oates, Strata
- Vicky Nuttall, Forest Garden

This means that the Council is made up of 16 members which is the maximum the constitution allows.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The current GIMA Vice President Vicky Nuttall is standing to take over the Presidency for the coming year from Nigel Thompson. The election of Vicky to this position was proposed by Richard Bence, Tenax and seconded by Steve Millington, Bosmere. All were in favour.

7. CONFIRMATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

It was reported to the meeting that at Council Steve Millington of Bosmere had stepped forward to offer his services as Vice President for the year 2013/2014. This was proposed by Richard Bence, Tenax and seconded by Tara Truman William Sinclair. All were in favour.

8. THE NEW PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The new President addressed the meeting by welcoming people present. She outlined her own career in the industry and what she hoped to bring to her time in office as President. She stated that GIMA membership represented unprecedented value for money, especially when compared to other associations. In reminding those present of the Five Point Plan of GIMA she highlighted the key objectives for 2013 as being:

- Continue to ensure GIMA offers value for money and offers a range of tangible membership benefits
- Create some real business opportunities by introducing 'Meet the Buyer' events
- Continue to develop close working links with other trade associations
- Ensure the suppliers 'voice' is heard
- Engaged and involved council

9. ELECTION OF HONORARY TREASURER

Andy Simmons of Pest Stop Systems has agreed to continue in this role of Honorary Treasurer for 2013/2014. This was proposed by Steve Millington, Bosmere and seconded by Alan Sheppard of Burgon & Ball. All were in favour.

10. ELECTION OF HONORARY COMPANY SECRETARY

As Maz Stokes had retired from the post of Honorary Secretary earlier in the year, a new Secretary was required. At the recent Council Meeting Richard Pyrah of Kelkay had agreed to assume this role until the AGM and was prepared to continue in it. This was proposed by Glynn Davis, Bosmere and seconded by Tara Truman, William Sinclair. All were in favour.

11. THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

In the absence of the Honorary Treasurer, Nigel Thompson gave a headline summary by way of a financial report of which the key points include:

- Overall turnover down almost 20%
- Subscription revenue up by 4.6%
- Cost of sales were down by almost 20%
- Administration costs up by 2.8%
- Results showed a loss on activities overall of £7,700

The result of this showed that a small amount had been taken from reserves during the year but that the overall position of the Association remained healthy with a strong balance sheet and that in the opinion of its Directors GIMA was fit for the coming year.

There being no questions relating to the accounts Nigel Thompson closed the report.

12. APPOINTMENT OF REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS

It is a duty of the Council to appoint the Associations Auditors and to fix their remuneration. They had agreed that RSM Tenon should be reappointed as Reporting Accountants for GIMA for the coming year. This was proposed by Richard Bence, Tenax and seconded by Steve Millington, Bosmere. All were in favour.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other items had been notified to the President or were forthcoming from the floor and so the meeting was declared closed at 10.30am.

Signed by

Dated