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## Minutes of ISTARA's 24<sup>th</sup> AGM

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Janice opened the meeting at 2:05p.m by welcoming members to their 24<sup>th</sup> AGM. Members were asked if they all had sight of the agenda and financial report.

### AGM Minutes.

Pam then read the minutes of last year's meeting. There were no matters arising. Janice asked the membership to approve the minutes. Brian Gridley proposed and Pauline Mills seconded that the minutes be accepted as a true record, the membership voted acceptance unanimously.

### Club Accounts.

Peter then presented the accounts with a few explanations, this was due to the wording and lay-out, the payments to KENTARA, building our web site and refreshments. The accounts were inspected by Colin Ivin. There were no questions from the membership so Linda Stringer proposed and Mick Sacre seconded that the accounts be accepted. The membership voted to accept the accounts as a true record.

### Chairman's review.

Janice then gave her review of our year's activities, always a highlight of the proceedings. We were reminded of the cream teas and lunches we had enjoyed. The year started with a visit to Cobham

Hall a local historic house full of local history, we followed with a trip to Biggin Hill where we saw the new exhibit on woman during the second world war, the guide was really impressed with our group as so many of our members had lived through the times of the display. A lovely cruise on the Thames followed allowing us a glimpse of how the other half live. We had another trip later in the year so we could see the beauty of the trees changing colour followed by a ploughman's lunch. Two holidays this year, a cruise to Norway on Columbia and 5 days at Warners Alveston. We had a quiz and a murder mystery with all proceeds being donated to Ellenor. We had our annual guided walk around London organised by a member and we have enjoyed two members organising our lunch club, we also went to the Inn on the Lake for lunch and a tribute afternoon. Ten pin bowling, the singing group and the games afternoon are well supported and enjoyed although we would welcome more members. Janice gave thanks to all members who put out and put away the tables and chairs at meetings and the ladies who man the books and puzzles each month. The ladies who provide our refreshments were also thanked. Alistair and Ann were thanked for providing prizes and running the raffle every month.

Standing Down of Committee.

Pauline Abbott our almoner is standing down due to ill health and Lyn Powell in standing down as our organiser of day trips having completed a number of years. Janice gave a vote of thanks.

Rosemarie Green was also thanked for standing in as almoner for most of the year.

Lyn Powell had agreed to stand as Almoner. All other committee members were willing to stand again for another year so a block vote was sought and the membership voted unanimously to accept the

committee by a show of hands. This was carried unanimously by the membership.

Refreshments were then served at 2:20 to the 96 members present. Members then had the opportunity to study the posters advertising trips and holidays.

#### Committee reports

The secretary then informed the members of a letter of thanks received from Ellenor, the club had sent a cheque for the value of £854.75 being the amount collected over the year.

Chris reported that we have 13 people on the waiting list and a membership of 148.

#### Bowls.

Indoor bowls finishes at the end of April, it will restart at the end of September.

#### Istara Singers.

The singers are busy choosing their programme for our concert in July.

#### Charity

We had received various nominations for our charity this year. The committee recommended that the membership select two charities, as to try to support more would mean that the sums donated would be very small. Members were given forms to vote but as some members were unaware of some of the charities it was decided to postpone the voting until next month's meeting when the various charities could be explained.

#### Future of ISTARA

If we have no offers of help there will be very few day trips on offer this year.

Members were reminded to write on the back of their cheques the event the payment is for.

Brian is organising the guided London walk on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

There being no other matters the meeting was closed.