

Stour and Orwell Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at The Royal Harwich Yacht Club, Woolverstone

3rd of April 2008

In attendance were some 31 members including:

Chairman Tom Hill

Honorary Treasurer Stephen Clark

Honorary Secretary Rodney Chadburn

1. Welcome from the Chairman

Tom Hill welcomed the supporters for taking the trouble to attend the Stour and Orwell Society's second Annual General Meeting. He also thanked the officers and members of the committee for their efforts during the year.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Tony Roberts, Annie Eaves, Dave Woods, Pat and Lindy Ward, Patience Shone, Tony and Jeanette James and Simon Quantrell.

3. Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting

Tom Hill seconded by Rodney Chadburn proposed that the minutes of the 2007 AGM be signed as a true and correct record. This proposal was passed unanimously and the minutes duly signed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2007 AGM.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman said that SOS had made good progress in the first year of its existence and that membership was now nearing 200. In order to build on this, existing members should continue to recruit new members in order to strengthen SOS's voice in important issues.

The Christmas Party, organised in conjunction with the Royal Hospital School Holbrook had been very successful. Encouraged by this the Committee had it in mind to organise a summer event.

The Committee has been in contact with CoastNet which has now received funding for its project Holding Back The Tide. This project is aiming to compile a record of the changes that have taken place to the East Coast during the last fifty years or so. To this end CoastNet is seeking the assistance of SOS to publicise its activities and to seek out people who can provide an oral record of the recent history of the Shotley Peninsula.

6. Treasurer's Report

Stephen Clark reported that there were now some 180 paid up members and that the payment due date will be moved from the 1st of January to the 1st of April more nearly to coincide with the dates of the Annual General Meetings. Some members had generously paid sums in excess of the 'standard' subscription up to £100 in some cases.

Total income from subscriptions, ticket sales and interest amounted to £2,470.13 and after costs of £1,417.00 the year-end balance stood at £1,053.13. The Statement of Accounts was accepted by the meeting.