

MINUTES OF THE TEST VALLEY TURNERS AGM HELD ON ZOOM ON 20TH JANUARY 2025

24 members logged into the Zoom meeting.

There were apologies from David Fakes, Paul Patterson, Clive Dixon and Steve Robbins. They all indicated that they were happy to vote for any recommendations of the Committee.

Item 1. The minutes of the 2024 AGM were accepted. Proposed by Vernon Needham, Seconded by Alf Riley. For 27 Against 0 There were no comments.

Item 2. Ron Caddy presented the Chairman's Report. (see separate attachment) Dr Peter White was awarded the Les Revell Trophy. The vote was proposed by Andy Matthews. Seconded by Paul McKernan. This was accepted For 28 Against 0

Item 3. Don Donaldson presented the Treasurer's report including the financial statement and the budget for next year. (see separate attachment) Proposed by Matt Carter. Seconded by Paul McKernan. This was accepted For 28 Against 0

Item 4. The Committee recommended keeping the annual subscription at £50. Proposed by Don Donaldson. Seconded Andy Matthews. This was adopted. For 28 Against 0

Item 5. The Chairman announced that the Committee recognised four honorary members, Don Donaldson, Graham Barnard, Bruce Symes, for their contribution to Test Valley Turners and Rose Sharp for agreeing to take on the role of Assistant Treasurer. Graham Lee asked if a vote was required and he was advised by the Chairman that no vote was needed. The Chairman thanked all the honorary members and he particularly thanked Don and Graham for their service to the Club over many years.

Item 6. The Chairman, Ron Caddy and the Joint Secretaries, Philip Wray and Paul Kenny, were unopposed. Proposed by Peter White. Seconded Andy Matthews. For 28 Against 0

Item 7. Chris Sharp was unopposed as Treasurer. Proposed Don Donaldson. Seconded Ron Caddy. For 28 Against 0

Rose Sharp was unopposed as Assistant Treasurer. Proposed by Don Donaldson. Seconded Ron Caddy. For 28 Against 0.

Item 8. Arnold Catterall and Andy Matthews were standing for re-election and were unopposed.

Item 9. Graham Barnard was standing for the Committee. Proposed by Ron Caddy. Seconded Andy Matthews. For 28 Against 0.

Item 10. Simon Miller has resigned from his role as Librarian. The Chairman outlined the Committee decision to disband the library, as it was rarely used, and to offer the opportunity to TVT members to buy the books and DVDs. An inventory of the items will be circulated to the members. 'Sealed' bids should be submitted to Paul Kenny by email with the highest bid taking ownership of the item. This process will be completed by the February or March meeting.

Item 11. The Chairman expressed his thanks to David Fakes, Vernon Needham, Paul Patterson, Steve Robbins, Colin Sheppard, Tony Gazzard and Rod Dossett for their help with running the Club.

Item 12. Philip Wray outlined an excellent programme of events for 2025 and hoped it would be published soon on the website. Philip asked for suggestions for the 2026 programme and Saturday workshops. There are likely to be two workshop in 2025 in May/June and October.

Item 13. The Chairman hoped there would be a minimum of two Chairman's Challenges in 2025. Ron expressed his disappointment that only 6 members took part in the miniature bird box challenge. The next challenge will be a Commemorative Rattle. Andy Matthews made the meeting aware that there were a number of regulations governing these items. Ron said he would research the specifications and make members aware.

Item 14. Test Valley Turners attracted three new members in 2024. However a number of members have left for various reasons. Ron made members aware that we no longer have a waiting list and asked that they encouraged any woodturners they knew to join the Club.

Item 15. Ron made members aware that Ken Butches had been ill but was recovering. Ken was currently recuperating in a care home and Ron asked members to visit him if possible.

Any Other Business.

Tony Wickham requested that the TVT bank details were provided with the subscription request. Graham Barnard thought the website was a good way of attracting new members. Philip Wray and Paul Kenny advised him that the website is in the process of being redeveloped.

The meeting was then drawn to a close by the Chairman.