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## **2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 47th Annual General Meeting of AYRS was held on Saturday 29th January 2011 at the Village Hall, Thorpe, Surrey, starting at 4.00 pm.

Present were the following Officers and Committee Members:

Graeme Ward (Chairman)	Slade Penoyre (Treasurer)	Simon Fishwick (Editor)
Fred Ball	Tim Glover	John Perry
Mark Tingley	Sheila Fishwick (Vice Chairman & Secretary)	

9 ordinary members of the Society, and one guest.

## **Minutes**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from: Chris Watson, Robert Shepard, R Michael Ellison and Nick Povey, and taken as read from Dave Culp and Frank Bailey.

### **2. Minutes of the 46th Meeting held on Saturday 30th January 2010 at the Village Hall, Thorpe, Surrey**

The Minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting were read and approved nem con on a proposal by Graeme Ward, seconded by Mark Tingley. There were no matters arising.

### **3. Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman, Graeme Ward, reported that 2009-10 was not an entirely satisfactory year; it was financially reasonable but still expenditure was greater than income. There were reasons to believe that situation might change in the coming year. The London Boat Show (2011) he felt was slightly better than the previous year; certainly AYRS had a superb position, which was exploited to pull more members. He felt AYRS should be able to improve its showing at Beale Park, especially if the weather is suitable. The Internet and Internet membership continued to advance, and in the longer term was likely to be as or more important than the printed publications. He hoped that the members enjoyed this last year of *Catalysts*; the editorial team must be thanked for their very hard work.

He was watching with great interest the activities of the NW England Group. It suggested that other regions might be able to support similar groups. Clusters of members are identifiable in other areas with appropriate physical infrastructure. The Chairman and Committee would endeavour to assist in any way. It is very obvious that cooperative efforts in "research" are generally much more productive and more pleasurable to those involved. We will endeavour to continue this good work through the coming year.

The Committee was concerned that the workload of the Editor & Secretary continued to demand more time than they could easily give, and therefore must take most urgent measures to eliminate such. Their work having been to a very high standard, it might have to be shared amongst several competent and enthusiastic members. He called for such persons as are prepared to help in this work to call the Chairman or other Committee member.

A comment from the floor (Fred Ball) was that reporting the 2011 Boat Show was outside the scope of the Report.

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#### **4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts**

The Treasurers Report and Summary Accounts had been published on the AYRS website and were distributed with Catalyst.

Acceptance of both the Chairman's and Treasurer's Report was moved by Roger Glencross, seconded by Slieve McGalliard and approved nem con.

#### **5. Confirmation of President and Vice-Presidents, Election of Officers and Committee Members**

The President, HRH Prince Philip, and Vice-President, Dick Newick, were re-elected by acclamation.

Under our rules, the Vice-Chairman (Sheila Fishwick), Editor (Simon Fishwick and Secretary (also Sheila Fishwick), and Committee Members Dave Culp, John Perry and Mark Tingley had completed their current terms of office. They were willing to stand again. A proposal to elect them en bloc was made by Fred Ball, seconded by Slieve McGalliard and Roger Glencross, and carried nem con.

#### **6. To appoint a Reporting Accountant for the year.**

The Committee proposed that Robin Fautley be re-appointed, seconded by John Thurston. This proposal was carried nem con.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

Items for formal consideration should have been submitted by 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2010, but none were received.

#### **8. Vote of thanks to the helpers of the society**

The vote of thanks was proposed by Fred Ball, seconded by Slieve McGalliard, and carried nem con.

The meeting closed at 16.45 hrs.

Sheila Fishwick

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Signed as a true record

Graeme Ward, Chairman.