

Get Together AGM Minutes 14 02 2018
Maison Pour Tous, Mazieres-en-Gatine

Committee attendance

Beryl Brennan	President
Eric Hansford	Treasurer
Michele Hansford	Membership Secretary
Martin Hughes	Northern Coordinator
John Chard	Southern Coordinator
Jan Howse	Newsletter Editor

Apologies

Neil Ritchie	Secretary
Lesley Ritchie	Assistant Northern Coordinator

Members' attendance – see attached list

Apologies for absence

Andy Walmsley	Website admin
Margaret & Bob Seager	
Eric & Gill Salt	
Nicola & Mick Lee	
Maureen & John Buckley	
Jacqueline Lockett	

Minutes of the previous (2017) Meeting

The Minutes had been available on the GT website for some time and the President proposed that they be therefore taken as read.

Matters Arising

None

President's Report

Beryl noted membership had remained healthy with a year full of events which had all been well supported. Indeed, there are so many events that any group meeting regularly should choose a day of the month which does not conflict with another group and stick to that day. Most groups meet all year round, apart from Family History Group and Craft Group which do not meet in the summer. She thanked everyone who organised events.

History Group was well supported with a visit to the Chateau at Angers, this year it will be to the Chateau at Breze. In November they are organising a commemorative event at Vasles Theatre.

Thanks to everyone who submitted photos for the 2018 calendar and to Andy Walmsley for organising the competition. The subject for next year's calendar will be announced at the end of the meeting, attendees having been given on arrival 12 subject to vote on.

She reminded everyone about the baby equipment available for members to borrow.

Big thanks to all the committee for their support, including the area coordinators; well done to those who organised meals after walks if they could get the price down to a reasonable 12 or 13 euros.

Thanks also to Jan Howse for her work on the monthly newsletter and advising members of forthcoming events.

Eric and Michele Hansford are standing down as Treasurer and Membership Secretary respectively and Beryl presented each with a gift in recognition of their 3 years of work.

As no nominations were received for the posts of President and Secretary, both Beryl and Neil are willing to serve in those positions for another year. Beryl reminded people that both those positions plus the Northern and Southern Coordinator and Newsletter Editor would be up for renewal in 2019. Most people present had already served time on the committee, so please suggest to those members who haven't that without a committee there wouldn't be an association.

She reminded everyone that GT Association is for English speakers of any nationality. Bring any non-British friends or neighbours along to an event, they might join GT.

Thanks were extended to Diane Mousdale for auditing the accounts and she was presented with a gift. Gift for Andy Walmsley in recognition of his continuing work on the GT website was given to Margaret Baldwin to give to him, as he is her neighbour.

Treasurer's Report

As they arrived, members received a copy of the audited accounts for 2017. Eric noted we had spent more than we had received, due to having to pay rent for the hire of Le Tallud Salle for the AGM in 2017 and subsidising the catering for the Summer Event. The Association still retained a healthy bank balance with net funds of 2,621,71 euros. The value of assets was increased by the purchase of a new tea urn. As there were no comments, the accounts were duly adopted.

Proposed by Roger Amsden, seconded by David Brennan.

Diane Mousdale agree to continue to act as Auditor.

Co-ordinators' reports

Martin Hughes and John Chard each in turn named and thanked all the volunteers who had organised, reported on and photographed walks and other events which occurred in their respective territories. They both confirmed a full diary for the forthcoming year. Martin reminded everyone about the quiz in May, he is taking entries.

Election of Officers

Alison Sherwin was nominated as Treasurer, proposed by Carol Andrews, seconded by Vinny Galloway.

Julia Murray was nominated as Membership Secretary, proposed by Peter Murray, seconded by Maureen Buckley.

The committee for 2018 therefore comprises

Beryl Brennan	President
Alison Sherwin	Treasurer
Neil Ritchie	Secretary
Martin Hughes	Northern Coordinator
John Chard	Southern Coordinator
Julia Murray	Membership Secretary
Jan Howse	Newsletter Editor
Lesley Ritchie	Assistant Northern Coordinator

A vice president will be elected by the above members at the next committee meeting.

Roger Amsden, on behalf of the membership, proposed a vote of thanks to the President and the committee for their contribution to GT.

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Calendar for 2019

The subject which received the highest number of votes is 'Seasonal with obvious French content'.

Beryl explained the competition is open to all GT members and for photos to include a point of interest.

As the guest speaker had not arrived, Jeremy Lockett was invited to enlarge on the proposed commemorative event the History Group is planning for November.

Martin Hughes and Michele Hansford advised that a bi-lingual quiz for both British and French was being planned.

Meeting closed at 11.45am.