

Anglo-Swedish Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2014

held on 20 February 2014 at Chalmerska villan, Gibraltargatan 1A

.1. Election of Chairperson and Secretary for the meeting

The meeting was called to order at 18:40. **Birger Ekengren** and **Barbara Moss** were elected **Chairperson** and **Secretary**

.2. Adoption of the Agenda

It was agreed that the meeting had been properly called and the provisional agenda was formally adopted.

.3. Annual Report (Annex1)

The Annual Report was taken as read. The Vice-Chair, Birger Ekengren, commented that the three items which made a net loss were the Carols evening in Solrosen (when the Society buys dinner for the choir of St Andrew's Church), a GEST performance where there were a number of late cancellations because of a storm, and the Falklands evening when the Society subsidized the dinner. The financial situation is stable.

.4. Financial Report (Annex2)

Birger Ekengren (BE), *qua* **Treasurer**, tabled the **Financial Report**. He informed the meeting that the overall financial position of the Society remained healthy. In particular it was well able to carry a loss on any given event. In response to a question about the item "Debts" on the balance sheet, he explained that these were an invoice and a claim for expenses which had not been settled by the end of the financial year.

Hon. Auditor's Report

The **Auditor** sent apologies for absence. His signed statement formed part of the Financial Report.

At this stage, the meeting formally accepted the Annual Report and the Financial Report including the Auditor's Report.

.5. Annual subscription fee

As recommended by the Committee, the meeting decided

- to retain the fee of SEK 150 per family;
- to give the Committee authority to offer discounts to new members, students, young persons and others it deemed appropriate.

However, the meeting also asked the Committee to bear in mind the discussion at the meeting, at which some members expressed doubts as to the advisability of offering a discount to email subscribers.

.6. Granting of discharge

It was formally agreed to grant discharge to the Society's Officers.

.7. Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2014

The following **Officers and Committee Members** were re-elected

- **Chairperson** -John Wright
- **Treasurer** - Birger Ekengren(also acting deputy chair)
- **Secretary** - Barbara Moss
- **Members** - Sharon Abrahamson (also acting deputy secretary) , Sheila Andersson, Keith Barnard , John Chaplin ,Tore Fjällbrant, Margaret Myers

It was noted that

- **Frida Ekengren** agreed to continue as **Webmaster**
- **Lars Björnerud** agreed to continue as **Hon. Auditor.**

It was further noted that it was in the discretion of the Committee to fill vacancies and to co-opt to the Committee where it was thought appropriate.

.8. To consider the appointment of a Nominations Committee/Officer

The meeting gave permission to the committee to appoint a Nominations Officer should they identify a suitable person.

.9. Programme for 2014

BE drew attention to a number of possible events that had been identified by the outgoing Committee, and invited further discussion over supper.

.10. Any other question to be discussed

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 19.05, and was followed by a Mediterranean buffet supper and the Chalmers lecture given by Katarina Gårdfeldt.