

ANGLO-SWEDISH SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2015
held on 24 February 2015 at Chalmerska villan, Gibraltargatan 1A

The meeting was called to order at 18:15.

1. John Wright was elected Chairperson and Barbara Moss was elected Secretary for the meeting.
2. It was agreed that the meeting had been properly called, and the provisional agenda was adopted with the following amendments:
 - a. The addition of "Web site" under "Any other question to be discussed";
 - b. The addition of the words "and 2016" under item 5.
3. The Annual Report was received.
4. The Financial Report and Auditor's Report were received. The Treasurer explained that the loss over 2014 was a result of the decision that the Society should subsidize most events, to enhance the benefits to active members. The reduced subscription to members receiving information by email had led to an increase in paid membership but a reduction in membership fees received. The Society's funds are sufficient for several years ahead.
5. The meeting approved the committee's recommendation that the membership fee should remain at 150 kr per family (those living at one address), with the committee having discretion to offer a reduced fee under some circumstances: for example, for students, and for those joining late in the year. The committee reported its decision not to continue the reduced subscription for email members. The current membership fee should remain in force up to the day of the Annual Meeting in 2016.
6. The meeting granted discharge to the Society's Officers.
7. In the elections for 2015-6, John Chaplain was elected Chair, Birger Ekengren Treasurer, and Barbara Moss Secretary. Sharon Abrahamson, Sheila Andersson, Keith Barnard, Tore Fjällbrant, Ingmar Heldsdörfer and John Wright were elected as ordinary members of the committee. Lars Björnerud was elected as Auditor.
8. After discussion, the meeting decided not to appoint a Nominations Committee or Nominations Officer.
9. Proposals for 2015:
 - a. The retiring Committee already has some ideas for the autumn, subject to confirmation by the new Committee. These include a celebration of the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta.
 - b. Lars Wiklund reported that a new British Ambassador will take up office in late August. Lars hoped that he might visit Gothenburg. Lars also reported that Tom

Johnston, the former head of SKF, is now chair of the British Chamber of Commerce in Sweden.

- c. Franco Lazzari suggested lectures about famous Britons, and a visit to Cambridge.

These proposals were remitted to the Committee for further discussion.

- 10. John Chaplain and Barbara Moss demonstrated the new web site, currently at angloswedish.wordpress.com, which will be available at the present address www.angloswedish.se once the retiring webmaster has made a small change.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 18:45, and was followed by a Mediterranean Buffet and the Chalmers Lecture given by Leif Jendeby from Trafikverket with the title “Västlänken: Something good, or just a waste of money and the destruction of the city?”