

DSWA-SOUTH WALES BRANCH AGM

BRECON RFC 09-11-2011 7.30pm

PRESENT: Brian Lock, Ceri Jenkins, Nigel Spiers, Martin Rathbone, Martyn Jones, Peter Tennant, Ken Young, Eva Parry, Philip Jehu, Dennis Phillips.

APOLOGIES: Toby Small, Phil Clark, John Pazstor, Helen Jenkins, and Richard Dowman.

Officers were elected as follows:

Chairman: Ceri Jenkins. **Secretary:** Brian Lock. **Treasurer:** Nigel Spiers.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Martin Rathbone, Martyn Jones, Toby Small, and Dennis Phillips.

Minutes of the last AGM were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING:

SHOWS

Spring Show: It was felt the show was an excellent show in a good location at the show ground and the displays attracted a lot of interest from the public especially the wildlife feature there was seven work enquires which were followed up but nothing came of any

Royal Welsh: Another successful show with good displays and a number of people signing up for training courses and it was also nice to see so many branch members willing to help out at the show

Pembs Show: All the members who attended said they had enjoyed the show and there was a lot of interest in the DSWA there is now a ongoing building program for the next few years.

Members also attended some local shows such as: Longtown, Big skills penpont estate Brecon, rural crafts fair Llanciah fawr Nelson, and Llangynidr show.

TRAINING

Three training days were held with a total of 27 people attended the courses there was good feed back and a lot of finance was generated

for the branch also any member can come along to the training days for free.

COMPETITION

Vaynor competition was held in August eight competitors took part three professional & five amateur Martyn Jones won the professional And Stephen Meredith the amateur once again our thanks go to Alan Jones for judging. Local Company Miller Argent give £250 sponsorship for the walling & walls of Llangynidr £100 Enquiries are being made about renewing the trophies which vaynor committee have said they will look at funding

FINANCE

Nigel presented the accounts which were discussed the account balance at 31st August was £2,493.71

A.O.B

Peter Tennant asked if the branch could look into having a stand at the Ideal homes exhibition at Cardiff to promote professional wallers Brian Lock stated that the branch was already stretched doing the shows & training it has but it will be looked into.

Peter Tennant told the meeting that a number of years ago the branch invited all the local councils in our area to a meeting in which they were informed of all the different type of projects that professional members of the south Wales branch could carry out. This resulted in lots of work in some areas it was decided to send a letter and a copy of the professional register to the countryside departments of all councils in our area. However this year I have personally spent over £30 on postage for the branch I will not meet the postage on this issue to benefit fulltime wallers so whatever the postage will be it will be met by the branch

A certification week has been planed for 1-5 October 2012 for level 1, level 2, and maybe level 3, to be held at Llangynidr with funding for instructors from the walls of Llangynidr a discussion took place that maybe it was to much to do the three levels as it will be hard to find a site suitable for all levels Brian Lock will meet with William Gibbs during the next month and a decision will be made at the next committee meeting in March

MEETING ENDED 8.45PM NEXT AGM 7TH NOVEMBER 2012

