



THE
ROSE
SOCIETY UK

Minutes of The Rose Society UK shows committee meeting

held at Pelsall Church Hall.

Sunday 9th December 2018

Present

Pauline Martin – Chair

Jim Anderson - Shows Committee

Neil Duncan – Shows Committee

Tim Mellor – Shows Committee

Tammy Mellor – Rose Society UK Treasurer

Ray Martin – Rose Society UK General Secretary

John Anthony. – Rose Society UK Chairman

Apologies

Gareth Davies - Vice Chair of The Rose Society UK

Brian Schofield – Shows Committee

Pauline Martin, the Show Chair said both Gareth and Brian had submitted notes which she shared with the committee and their views would be discussed and taken into consideration at the appropriate part of the meeting

Clarification of 2019 shows

Pauline pointed out this was the first meeting of the new committee as selected at the 2018 AGM under the amended constitution.

Dates for the 2019 shows confirmed by secretary as;

National spring show, to be held at RHS Malvern Spring Festival on 9th -12th May.

National Southern Summer show to be held at Squire's Rose Festival Shepperton on 29th -30th June.

National Northern Summer Show to be held at Chorley Flower Show on 27th & 28th July.

National Autumn Show to be held at the Harrogate Autumn Show on 13th -15th September.

Following a discussion regarding help with setting up and breakdown of our shows, Pauline said she will circulate general committee members to assist us and appeal through the newsletter. Previous volunteers would also be contacted.

Equipment

John and Ray agreed to carry out a check on our equipment and repair and paint any damaged items. Picture frames are easily damaged and were not enough large frames at Shepperton. A date in February to be arranged.

Schedule.

Dean Hole Challenge Classes.

Secretary pointed out the imbalance between LF/CF and Min/Mini F roses of 2 to 3. Following a discussion regarding introducing a class for Shrub Roses which are effectively cluster flowered roses. **Neil Duncan proposed, and Jim Anderson seconded that the Three stage blooms class be part of the challenge with 3 in favour 1 abstention.**

A further proposal that the Dean Hole Champion be decided by taking the highest points from three of the four legs was **defeated by 3 votes to 1** and will remain as the exhibitor with the highest points over all four legs.

The Dean Hole Challenge classes to be placed together on the show bench with acknowledgement of the sponsor displayed. David Austin Roses to be asked to sponsor the Challenge again in 2019

Additional Classes

The class for a floating bloom in a 5" bowl to be added to the Spring show schedule. **All in favour.**

Add new class for three stems Modern Shrub Roses, David Austin English/Renaissance type roses to the three summer/ autumn shows. **All in favour.**

Add new class 8"vase Cycle of bloom 3 stems Mini-flora blooms to the three summer/autumn shows. All Miniflora vase classes in the schedule to be 8" all miniature vase classes will remain 7" **All in favour.**

The Class for 7"bowl 12 stems Miniflora roses to be reduced to 9 stems at the three summer/autumn shows. To be reviewed after 2019 season. **All in favour.**

Gareth advised that he had received a cheque for £150 from Graham Queree of the Jersey Rose Society as it had recently folded. Gareth suggested using the money to pay a £25 prize to an existing floribunda class namely 26 at the summer and 23 at the autumn. The committee were grateful for the donation but felt it needed to be a special class that could stand alone and that A Jersey Rosarians Challenge would be more appropriate to be added to the schedule at the summer and the autumn show for three years. Offering £25 to the winner with some sponsors vouchers for Second and Third places. The suggested class that was agreed by all the committee present was : Four stems in separate 8" vases one stem Cluster flowered, one stem LF, one stem Miniflora and one stem Miniature. All subject

to approval of the sponsor. Pauline will ask Gareth to go back to Graham and as for his approval. If the class attracts wide support it may be added to the late summer show and other sponsors found after the three years.

Pointing by judges

Following a discussion on overt pointing resulted in the suggestion that we make available marking cards for pointing close decisions which will be at the discretion of individual judges or teams.

Further discussion was had about inequalities that occur when points from the Star classes are added to individuals' totals

The points gained in the Star classes will not be added to an exhibitors totals when calculating points for the open or 150's championships. The Star classes are stand alone. **All committee present in favour.**

Changes to subsections

Pauline suggested that if the committee felt there was still a need for a 250 section that it could maybe be included as a subsection. Discussion followed

Neil Duncan said he no longer felt there was a need to reinstate a 250's section in our schedule and Jim Anderson agreed and seconded Neil's proposal that the subsections of our schedule remain unchanged. **All committee present in favour of leaving as is for now.**

Brian Scofield's Notes,

Brian's suggestion that we hold separate Miniflora and Miniature championships and include so called Patio roses as Miniflora clusters was discussed. The meeting felt that it would be very difficult differentiate with patio roses which are effectively dwarf cluster flowered roses. All were in favour that more thought to the suggestion so no changes this year.

Harrogate Autumn Show,

The show this was tight for space this year with a big entry. The staging is allocated by the organisers. Ray will see if temporary staging could be erected at a late stage and see if tiered staging would be available

Gareth's Suggestions,

Gareth had put forward three suggestions for allocating judges at national shows. He shared an up to date list of judges that was shared with the committee. Discussion was had on options –

1. individual judges being allocated a set number of classes to judge – up to 10 each
2. Two teams of 3 judges for the open section plus one additional judge for the restricted section.
3. One team of 3 non-exhibiting judges for the open section plus one additional judge for the restricted section.

The committee had lengthy discussion about judges which inevitably went into the quality of some judges. The model adopted this year was not satisfactory with far too many judges and it was felt that unless our entry system changed (we accept entries on the day) giving exhibiting judges individual classes in advance was not an option and at most shows resulted in a disorganised approach. The committee felt that exhibitors needed to know that their exhibits were judged in an orderly and professional manner by people who were not just slotting in because no one else was available. Feedback from some members was that judging was poor in some cases.

Gareth's option of having a team of three non-exhibiting judges would be preferable, but until we have more judges it is difficult to achieve. The committee certainly felt that teams of judges would be preferable even if one member in each team was planning to exhibit.

It was agreed that the society should hold a judge's seminar and training day. The Secretary suggested we investigate doing this at RHS Wisley in late May or June. The meeting was unable to fix a date which will largely depend on availability and support. Gareth as shows chair would need to plan how recruiting new judges and training existing ones can be achieved when he returns. The shows committee are happy to support training new judges and organising a show.

Any other business

Malvern Autumn, although it is not a society show, has the show equipment provided by the Rose Society UK as well as a recognised TRSUK Judge and Stewards.

John Anthony suggested to the committee that we ask Malvern to affiliate with us then a Bronze Medal could be awarded for the Best bloom at the show. The committee agreed that John should investigate on behalf of the Society.

Some shows committee members felt that in order to reduce travel we should try and hold the shows meeting along side the AGM or another event. We decided this needed more thought as any meeting should be post AGM and early enough to get schedules printed in a timely manner.

Sponsors were not discussed at the meeting except in passing but it should be noted that all existing sponsors will be approached to confirm their support for 2019.