

# **Beeston Wildlife Group 2019 AGM: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Welcome to BWG AGM at the start of our 24th year**

**Apologies:** None

**Approval of the 2018 minutes** any one to propose they have read the minutes and they are an accurate account.

Proposers: John Tordoff

Seconders: Rob Mason

**Matters arising from the minutes:** None

**Now onto the Chairman's report**

This has been another successful year for Beeston Wildlife Group with progress on the Schools projects that we are supporting. We still continue to support Trent Vale Infant school in liaison with The Head and Bills daughter Mrs Weatherall. Recently we have put up Swift nesting boxes around the school with the assistance of Nigel and Adrian. We also are supporting Gilthill School in Kimberley with the design and building of a pond and wildlife area. We also have donated £600 towards a pole borer for assistance in land management at Attenborough Nature Reserve.

In the background we have complied with the new Data Protection Act and Jess and Sarah have completed the training for this. We created our own new web site, which has enabled us to keep more people up to date with our walks, talks and activities. We think this has been a great success so please take a look at Spanglefish Beeston wildlife group if you haven't already done so.

I would like to thank the BWG committee members for their continued efforts in bringing you these events, especially Suzanne, Stuart, Judith, Jane, Neil, Jack, Rob, Leslie and Anne and all who help in running the mid-session refreshments and again also to Sue who has continued to assist in the task of taking people's money on the Door. Again I would also like to thank everyone for the unenviable job of setting the room up and helping to pack away. I also thank Andrew for his support as vice chairman and for his superb job organising our alternative walks programme, which is now proving very popular and has had growing numbers all year. I would also like to thank Sandy Aitken and all who give up their Saturday mornings, come rain or shine, to help on the BWG guided walks around Attenborough.

Once again, thank you to Nigel for the ongoing secretarial job of organising our programmes seeking out new and interesting speakers and subjects to entertain us all. Thank you to Diana Plant for also suggesting two new speakers for last year that proved very successful although different to our usual topics. We hope you have enjoyed this years variety and if anyone knows off any other interesting speakers please let us know. I would also like to thank Sue and Sarah for managing our finances and arranging the raffle.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to all of you for your continuing support in making us what we are today.

## **Treasurer's report**

A copy of the accounts was sent out prior to this meeting and as you can see it has been another good year for BWG with £2163 taken on the door and £407 on the Raffle totalling an **income of £2660.40**

**Outgoings were £2018.15** this year. We repaired the microphones and as mentioned have donated £600 to ANC. Our total speakers costs were £680 as we had two speakers, namely Dr Jim Miller and Dr Karl Ritz, who very kindly shared their vast knowledge on what is above our heads and below our feet completely free of charge, for which we are extremely grateful.

All told BWG have a balance of £3265, £437 of which is earmarked for the continued support of Trent Vale Infant School and £500 for Gilthill with approx £1000 for covering our costs of speakers and room hire for the forthcoming year, leaving £1300 for updating our old equipment.

A copy of the accounts will be sent to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and copies are available for people to view if wished.

Can we have an approver and seconder for the approval of the accounts?

Approved: Phil Squire

Seconded: Brian Johnson

## **Now to the Election of officers.**

We would like to put forward en bloc the current committee to carry on their duties.

Approval proposer: Rob Mason

Seconded: Ann Mason

**AOB:** None.

Please take a copy of the new programme and look at our website and facebook and twitter feeds for our summer walks.

**Now I would like to close the meeting noting the time.**