

Minutes of the 2021 AGM of the West Surrey branch of the Historical Association, held via zoom

Attending: Christopher Mitchinson (CM), Michael Brooks(MB), Rollo Crookshank(RC), Matthew Smith(MS), Valerie Haye(VH), Graham Searle(GS), Jane Saul(JS), Tony Pratt(TP), Anne Welch(AW),

Apologies: Neil Whitmore

Graham Searle (GS), president of the West Surrey branch, presided over the branch's 2021 AGM

GS asked RC whether he had received any queries from branch members, to which RC replied that he received no inquiries from any branch member

Secretary's Report

RC reported that the West Surrey branch had another successful year, despite having to deal with the consequences of the covid/pandemic, with a mixture of varied and topical lectures, either live or by zoom. Our membership continues to hold up well and we continue to experience good attendances at our monthly lectures.

Once again, the branch will be hosting another event for the Great Debate

Treasurer's Report

MB reported that 2020/21 was a strange year. The branch ended the year with a financial surplus, despite the outbreak of covid. The branch did not have the expense of hiring St Nicolas Hall, and a reduction in lecturers' expenses (The lecturers continue to receive the £20.00 book voucher). The branch received the quota of £281.00 from Head Office. The branch had 65 members, which generated £780.00 in subscriptions. As all our lectures were via zoom, we did not generate any income from visitors. The income for the year was £1,064.44. The branch ended the year, with a surplus of £3,759.82

GS asked whether the branch should consider a subscription increase for 2022/23, so that the branch can remain in good financial state and this could be debated prior to the 2022/23 programme. MB replied that the branch remains in a good financial state, and that the current subscription rates should remain at £12.00 for an annual subscription and £3.00 for non-HA visitors

Election of the Branch officers

Chairman: Chris Mitchinson
Treasurer: Jane Saul
Secretary: Rollo Crookshank
Membership Secretary: Matthew Smith

Election of the other remaining committee members

Valerie Haye, Graham Searle, Tony Pratt, Neil Whitmore and Anne Welch