

The Powys Society

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MINUTES OF THE 16th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT STREATHAM COURT, EXETER UNIVERSITY, ON 2nd SEPTEMBER 1984 AT 2.30 pm.

- 1) The Minutes of the last meeting having been distributed were taken as read and signed.
 - 2) There were no matters arising.
 - 3) a) Chairman's Report
The Chairman gave us the latest information on the launching of the Powys Society of North America. This is a joint USA-Canada association; Ben Jones has been elected President and the Executive Secretary is Denis Lane. Tom Southwick is Treasurer and the first conference is being held at Colgate University in April 1985. Our President had suggested to the Chairman that he might send an expression of sympathy to members who had been unable to attend the 1984 Conference on account of illness or associated reasons. These included Mr. & Mrs. F. Feather, Mrs. C. Stephens and Mr. Kenneth Hopkins. The Chairman reported that the Yeovil Town Council had written to him regarding proposed developments in the grounds of Park House - the old Montacute Vicarage. He had replied in a manner which he hoped would produce a sympathetic response.
 - b) Secretary's Report
The Secretary briefly reported the two London meetings held during the past fiscal year. At the Autumn meeting Paul Roberts read a fascinating paper on The Philosophical Books of John Cowper Powys; and at the Spring meeting Kenneth Hopkins was unable to read his paper on Gamel Wolsey and Bertrand Russell but Dr. Glen Caveliere kindly proved an excellent substitute. Both these lectures produced considerable discussion. The Secretary also reported that in August he had been invited by Yeovil Public Library to supply a quantity of material for display in Martock Library to mark the centenary of the birth of Llewelyn Powys. Finally, he expressed his great regret at relinquishing the office of General Secretary owing to increasing other commitments.
 - c) Treasurer's Report
This report showed that the Society's finances were sound, if not leaving a significant balance in hand. Susan Rands also reported a satisfactory intake of new members during the year.
 - 4) Election of Officers
Both the Chairman, Dr. Cedric Hentschel, and the Vice Chairman, Mr. Timothy Hyman, were unanimously re-elected. Paul Roberts was proposed a General Secretary by Bill Degenhardt, seconded by J.M. Dawson and unanimously elected. Susan Rands was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer and Membership Secretary.
 - 5) Venue for 1985 Conference
Bath, Eastbourne, Brighton and Bangor were among the places suggested.
 - 6) Any Other Business
Some time was spent on the subject of adequately financing the Journal. No decisions were made.
- At the conclusion of the AGM a highly successful Book Sale for the benefit of the Society's funds was held by the Chairman.

NOTICE OF THE AUTUMN MEETING

This will be held at Liddon House, South Audley Street, London W1, on 1st December at 3.00pm. Susan Ruxtable Selly will read a paper on JCP's novel Wood and Stone.

X 1985 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1st X
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