

Minutes of Pro Silva Ireland Annual General Meeting

Tuamgreany, East Clare

Saturday October 8th 2016

Present: Pdraig O'Tuama, Paddy Purser, Faith Wilson, Manus Crowley, Sean Hoskins, Cathy Fitzgerald, Liam Byrne, Robert Scott, Jonathan Spazzi

Apologies: Donal O'Hare, Jim Simpson, Jan Alexander

Agenda:

1. Welcome by Chairman
2. Minutes of 2015 AGM.
3. Officer's Reports:
 - - Chairman
 - - Treasurer
4. Election of New Committee Members.
5. All Other Business.

1. Welcome by Chairman:

Paddy Purser welcomed Pro Silva Ireland members and committee members to the AGM.

2. Minutes of 2015 AGM:

Taken as read.

3. Officer's Reports:

- **Treasurer:** As appended.

Paddy commented that insurance for holding field trips was becoming more expensive every year.

• - **Chairman:** As appended.

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4. Election of New Committee Members:

Jim and Jan had both decided to step down from the committee which created vacancies.

Paddy suggested it would be good to have another representative from Northern Ireland and Liam asked if Robert Scott would be happy to re-join the committee. He accepted the invitation. Manus seconded Robert's nomination. All in favour.

Robert then proposed Paddy stay on as chair. He accepted. Liam seconded. All in favour.

5. A.O.B

1.

The 2015 AGM minutes had an error where 2013 had been written instead of 2014. Sean to amend.

2.

A PSI member asked if there was anyway the necessity for insurance could be circumvented. Paddy explained there was not.

3.

There was some discussion about the translation of the Pro Silva Wallonie booklet which Padraig was overseeing.

Jonathan said he was very happy to see progress on this and commended the work. Liam said its' publication in English by PSI would help keep things fresh in regards to PSI's message.

Jonathan enquired about the proposed PSI training course. Paddy said that would be the focus for the committee in 2017.

Padraig was thanked for his work with the project and Jonathan was congratulated for his work in writing a Teagasc guide to CCF.

Padraig said PSW were delighted with the uptake of the book

Paddy said it had been a good year for PSI with the work on translating the Wallonie book and the Teagasc booklet.

4.

Liam said his role as vice chair was the easiest job with Paddy as chair and said Paddy had been a very early practitioner of CCF and was a great chair. He thanked him for his work.

As recorded by Sean Hoskins 8/10/2016

