

Friends of
STOCKER'S LAKE



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at

Mill End Baptist Church, Rickmansworth WD3 7EL

7:30pm on Wednesday 17 April 2024

AGENDA

1. Welcome;
2. Apologies for absence;
3. To Approve the minutes of last AGM on 27 April 2023;
4. An overview of the last year and thank you's. (Chair);
5. Treasurer's Reports (Treasurer): To approve the accounts for 2023 and appoint the auditors for 2024;
6. Election of Committee;
 - i. Hon Chair (Nigel Daley is willing to stand again);
 - ii. Hon Secretary (Cathy Green is willing to stand again);
 - ✓iii. Hon Treasurer (Dick Beeden is willing to stand again);
 - iv. Web Site Controller (Simon Jones is standing down, Ash Pattni is prepared to stand);
 - v. Newsletter Editor (Giles Lury is willing to stand again);
 - vi. Volunteer Warden (Jack Westbrook (lead) is willing to stand again);
 - vii. Event's Organiser (Linda Ascroft is willing to stand again);
 - viii. Recruitment (Russel Ball is standing down) nominations please;
 - ix. Fund Raiser & Publicity (Larry Hurst is willing to stand again);
7. The Committee can co-opt 3 people. Currently one place is being used for our volunteer warden (Nicola Pazdzierska) who is willing to continue. **If you are interested in becoming more involved as a co-optee please let us know.** Steve Carter will continue as our Bird/Wildlife Recorder.;
8. Any other business.

Followed by:

Refreshments and a talk by

Russell Ball of Arbol Euro Consulting Ltd *Fost Member, Chartered Biologist,
Certified Arborist and Professional Tree Inspector*

Titled Tree Management and Misconceptions

*Nilesh
Dadhia Treasurer*

**FRIENDS OF STOCKER'S LAKE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
INCOME	£	£
Membership income 650 45	3,305	3,470
Calendar sales (Some income in 2024 from late sales)	1,709	1,535
Grants / Donations (incl .£50 from friends of Watersmeet)	3,741	3,613
Tours & Talks / Collections		10
Gift Aid refund	1,597	1,684
Mobile Phones		500
Miscellaneous (HMWT raft)		1,570
	10,352	12,382
Bank Interest Received	204	20
	10,556	12,402
EXPENDITURE		
Work on Stockers Lake	6,175	6,389
Printing, postage & stationery (incl £70 odd for calendars)	469	156
Public Relations (incl print 1000 joining leaflets)	164	37
Web Site	149	1,148
Donations (£1,000 Bats HMWT)	1,005	1,005
Calendars	1,195	986
Phone for camera streaming	111	625
Sundry Expenses/Third Party liability Insurance	284	284
Sum-Up and legal fees for Ryall Island (£126)	131	4
	9,683	10,634
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	873	1,768
BANK BALANCES		
Barclays Bank	2,147	978
Barclays Instant Access	20,929	21,224
	23,076	22,202
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
As at 1 January 2023	22,202	20,434
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	873	1,768
	23,076	22,202
As at 31 December 2023		

TREASURER'S REPORT year ending 31.12.23

Figures for the year ending 31 December 2023 are overleaf alongside 2022 figures. Figures in brackets below also refer to 2022 for comparison.

Gross income for 2023 overall at £10,556 (£12,402) appears to be down by about £2,000 on 2022. It is actually up by about £200 because the 2022 accounts include the gross income on phones (£500) and the payment by HMWT for the second raft (£1,570) which together amount to about £2,000. However membership was down by 34 at 661 (695) but the donations made by members was up by an amount equivalent to the loss of membership income. Of note is the increase in bank interest which reflects the general increase in interest rates.

Expenditure was down about £1,000 of which spending on the Lake contributed about £200. Administration costs were up mainly due to both the increase in the price of stamps and the frequency of posting (6 rather than 3) following the change in the format of the newsletter in May. It also includes stamps for the Jan 2024 newsletter. The number of members not using the internet for payments and receipt of newsletters has now about 55. This number may fall a bit more over the coming years. Our (business) phone contract ended in November and the new one (for 2 years) raised the monthly cost from £9 to £12 which for unlimited calls, texts and data is still very competitive. The increase in legal fees is almost entirely due to the costs associated with the transfer of title of Ryall Island to Fosl. (This is land given to Fosl by a member). Only the cost of maintaining our fosl email addresses were incurred for our web site during 2023.

In summary FoSL's accumulated funds as at 31 Dec 2023 stood at £23,076 (£22,202) up about £870 on 2022.

Some figures for this year so far compared with this point last year

INCOME

Income is currently approx £5,300 with 557 (515) paid up members with balances standing at almost £23,400 (£24,028) This suggests that we will end the year about the same as last year

We still have about 216 names (194 households) on our database that have not yet paid for 2024. 40 of these households last paid in 2021 and will be removed from our mailing list if the reminders made between now and September do not produce a response. There are no proposals to change the subscription for this year

EXPENDITURE

So far this year we have spent about £3,700 on the lake, about half (£1,500) for the new camera plus maintenance and £1,200 for the grazier; £1,150 on the web site for our email addresses and a two year's maintenance contract, £48 (net) on the live stream phone and £284 on insurance:

Thanks are due to Rachel Rooker FCCA of Acumist Lower Rd, Chorleywood for kindly scrutinising FoSL's financial records for 2023 pro bono.

The adoption of the accounts for 2023 is sought.

It is proposed that we appoint Rachel Rooker FCCA of Acumist Lower Rd, Chorleywood as our auditor for 2024

Richard Beeden
Hon Treasurer