

BOLTON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING 3rd May 2017 AT THE OLD LINKS GOLF CLUB BOLTON

1 **Apologies** None.

2 **Bolton Chairman's Opening Remarks.**

The Bolton Chairman, Brian Whittle opened the meeting by welcoming our guests, Bill and Carol Jarvis, Anita Forth, David Muil and Julie Lamara.

He went on to give the following notices: Health and Safety information for Fire Evacuation, The help desk will be available at the end of the meeting. The notice board has information on a new project we have of a help desk we will be manning at Bolton Central Library on the first Saturday of each month, (for which we need volunteers.) It also provides information on other Societies and our future trips.

At the Society AGM at Manchester two weeks ago John Marsden retired as the Societies Chairman and David Muil, who is with us tonight, was voted in as our new Chairman. In addition two new trustees were appointed, Barbara Owen and Rita Greenwood, and Margaret Calderbank has been awarded a Fellowship of the Society.

John Marsden has written to thank us at Bolton for our written acknowledgement of the good job he has done as Chairman of the MLFHS.

Brian then told us that the membership in Bolton was up by one third in the last three years. He also reported that the MLFHS had a surplus of £14000 in 2016.

3 **Brian then asked the Presiding Chairman, David Muil, to conduct the official section of the meeting.**

David asked that the minutes of the General Meeting held in May 2016 be approved.

This was done with a show of hands.

4 **The presiding Chairman, David Muil**

David said how pleased he was to be here amongst such a large gathering and spoke of the beginnings of Bolton Family History Society at the Pack Horse Hotel in 1982 when there were 100 people attending, and that we at Bolton have reached a similar total this year. He hoped that he would be able to have further visits to the Bolton Branch.

The presiding officer then asked if there are any matters arising from the previous year's General Meeting minutes. He then asked that the minutes be passed as a true record.

Proposer by: Susan Boddy

Seconded by: Colin Calderbank.

5 **Offices reports**

Bolton Chairman's report

Brian stated his annual report could be found in the latest edition of The Genealogist Magazine, but went on to say he would like to thank the many people who helped to run the Bolton branch:

First I must thank you the members for your continual support, also the Old Links Golf Club Director Kevan Porter. (The only downside is we have lost some members who cannot attend due to the stairs but we are hoping a stair lift will be in soon). He also thanked David Muil's team for their financial support increasing our apportionment to £1500. He then went on to thank the Bolton Committee: Susan Boddy our Treasurer and Speakers Team member. Jane Milne, Newsletter Editor and Speaker Co-ordinator. Rita Greenwood, the Journal Secretary, Help desk and Workshops. Margaret and Colin Calderbank, for Workshops, Helpdesk and Facebook. David Baker Bolton Membership Secretary. Michael Isherwood for IT support, and Val Whittle, Barbara Bromley, Arthur Clemmett, Carol Wright and Pat Greenhalgh for all their help at Branch meetings.

The Presiding Chairman stated that the Treasurers and Secretary's reports have been circulated, and then asked that the Treasurers' report be voted on as a true and accurate record:

Proposer: David Baker

Seconded: Malcolm Ryding

6 Election of Officers

Chairman Brian Whittle

Vice Chairman Graham Holt

Secretary Barbara Owen

Treasurer Susan Boddy

Election of Committee Members

Margaret Calderbank

Colin Calderbank

Jane Milne

Rita Greenwood

David Baker

Rita Greenwood

Michael Isherwood

Christine Ellis

Jeanette Holland

Proposed: Graham Holt

Seconded Stuart Braddock

7 Presentation of the Fellowship Award.

The Presiding Officer, David Muil, said he was pleased to present the Fellowship Award on behalf of the whole Society to Margaret Calderbank, who in the eyes of the Executive Committee members has contributed significantly to the Society during her chairmanship of the Bolton Branch during a very difficult time.

David Muil presented the Fellowship Award to Margaret Calderbank and Brian Whittle presented a bouquet of flowers.

The Bolton Chairman then introduced the speaker for the evening.