

COMBERTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting held on Friday 2nd May 2008 in the Village Hall

Committee Members present

Peter Mitton (Chairman)	Ann Webb
Mary Catlin (Secretary)	Malcolm Wright
Brian McCabe	Sandra Hyde

Members present

Margaret Hardy	Sally Maynard
Les Duncombe	Paula and Andrew Hollick
Amanda and Jean Bacon	Betty Cole
Brian and Margaret Cook	Colin Cullis
Nerys Wright	Ursula Patmore
Marie Simpson	Mavis and Kenneth Jackson
Barbara Cox	Derek Catlin
Brenda and Ivan Brown	Liz and Amy Bland
Barbara Mitton	

1. Apologies for absence

Dorothy and Colin Morison	Jane Winney
Janet McCabe	Paul Hardy
June Harris	Chris Westgarth
Charles Chambers	Jane Reed
Angela Ayling	Pauline and Stephen Grounds
Shirley and Dennis O'Mulloy	Andrea Tait

2. Minutes of the A.G.M. held on the 11th May 2007

It was noted that Mavis and Kenneth Jackson were omitted from the list of members present.

The minutes were accepted as a true record and approved by all members present.

3. Matters arising

The new Salle de Fete in Le Vaudreuil is not likely to be completed this year. We have been asked to provide some entertainment at the opening cabaret

Malcolm Wright asked if we should provide a gift for the new Salle de Fete. This to be discussed by the committee.

4. Chairman's report

A copy of this is attached.

Regarding the July weekend, there was some discussion about people wanting to travel to Le Vaudreuil independently and it was agreed that whilst only a few members did this it was not a problem and they could be asked to make a donation to help cover the cost of the coach. The coach will cost £1900 this year.

It was agreed that the venue for the Annual Dinner should be changed next year. Various suggestions were made, including the Royal Cambridge Hotel and Meridian Golf Club. The committee to discuss this at the next meeting.

5. Secretary's report

The secretary reported that membership numbers remain about the same, although there have been some changes. We now have 77 members, made up of 64 adults and 13 children. The number of households is 37.

Our July trip to Le Vaudreuil – notices will be delivered in the next week to be returned to us by the 31st May. Existing members would be given priority to join the trip, but if there are not sufficient numbers to fill the coach we would advertise the trip and hopefully gain some new members.

6. Treasurer's report

The treasurer sent a written report with apologies for her absence from the meeting.

The accounts have been audited and signed off by Terry Coad and copies were handed out to members.

The balance at the end of March was £1500. The cost of the Annual Dinner would be covered by the members attending. The deposit has been paid for the coach to be used for the July visit (£360) leaving a balance of £1540 to pay. The grant of £900 from “Awards for all” is due to be paid to us. We should be able to reduce the charge for children attending the July visit and if the adult fare is £35 we should have sufficient funds for entertaining the French when they visit in September and with the Annual Quiz in November we should be able to keep the fare low again next year.

The accounts were accepted – proposed by Brian Cook and seconded by Sally Maynard and agreed by all members present.

7. Election of Committee members

The committee members were all willing to stand for a further year and were all re-elected by members present.

Nerys Wright proposed Ursula Patmore for the committee and this was agreed by all members present.

8. Ideas for future fund raising/ social events

Future events include the Barbeque in June to be held at 62 West Street and the Annual Quiz in November.

It was not decided if we should hold the Boule event in August.

Other suggestions included an evening showing French films, fashion show (organized by one of the charity shops), wine tasting (either supplied by Tesco or Morrisons). Andrew Hollick is offering to provide trips in his Healey - £25 per trip.

9. Any other business

Following the question as to whether the weekend in Le Vaudreuil could be any longer, or if we could leave earlier on the Friday. Members were informed that we have to arrange the trip timings to allow both children and adults who work in schools to take part in the trip.

Liz Bland informed the meeting that she will be attending with a group of musicians the music day in France (June 21st). Members are welcome to join them, but they would have to arrange their own transport.

10. Date of 2009 A.G.M.

The meeting next year will take place during May.