

Prospero Society AGM

Tuesday 6th May 2025 11.00

BBC Club, LBH

1. Opening Remarks

Carol opened the meeting, and reminded everyone that this was the Prospero Society AGM and was not an open forum for comments about the BBC or BBC Club.

She thanked the Committee, event co-ordinators, and gave a special thanks to Gayner for the work she undertakes on behalf of the Society, which is in addition to her “day job” with the BBC Club. She also wished to thank the BBC Club for releasing Gayner to carry out this work.

Membership has increased, and with the previous rise in Membership Fees ensuring that the Society had a healthy bank balance, this negated the need for a further increase this year.

Carol then gave a brief summary of the previous season’s events, noted that all were well received, and the majority were oversubscribed. She outlined the selection criteria for choosing participants which favours Prospero members over other retired BBC staff.

2. Apologies

No apologies for absence had been received.

3. Minutes of 2024 AGM

No comments were made regarding the Minutes, and these were accepted and approved.

4. Financial Report

As previously mentioned, the Society had a healthy bank balance and no increase in membership fees was required.

The Society has 178 members, and Carol thanked Michelle in the Club office for her work attracting new members.

5. Election of Committee

The previous Committee members had agreed to re-stand and were voted for on block. Steve Pearce volunteered to join the Committee and was unanimously elected.

6. Open Forum

It was suggested that co-ordinators contact numbers be passed to event attendees. Gayner advised that this would have to be at the co-ordinators' discretion as this would be their personal phones. Due to data protection the BBC Club was unable to disclose members' contact information. Consequently, co-ordinators would need to specifically need to grant this permission at the time of volunteering to handle an event. Steve Pearce advised that he'd set-up a private WhatsApp group, which members were welcome to join.

A suggestion of a tour of LBH be organised. This was not possible due to BBC security issues.

It was asked whether the Society considers repeat tours? Where there is sufficient interest, or a previous tour was heavily oversubscribed, then repeat tours can be investigated. Several locations were suggested, and these were noted and will be researched. However, Gayner wished to inform the Meeting that some venues fail to respond to her enquiries, despite following up on her initial requests.

With no further comments or questions, the Meeting closed at 11.52