

Society AGM 1990

MINUTES of the Annual General meeting of the Society for Co-operative Studies, held at 12 noon, on Saturday 15th September 1990, at Stanford Hall, Loughborough.

Twenty-five members of the Society were in attendance;

1. Apologies for absence were received from;

F Toft, R Hunter, B Rhodes, Lord Jacques, W Watkins, A Eccles, T Carbery and A Wilson.

2. *Minutes of the previous A.G.M.* The Report of the previous A.G.M., as published in Journal Number 67, was accepted as a correct record.

There were no matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

3. *The Annual Review from the Chairman*, as published in Journal 69, was received.

4. *Reports from Other Officers.* Reports from (a) the Secretary, (b) Membership Secretary, (c) Treasurer, (d) Editors, were received.

5. Arising from the Annual Review and the officers' reports:-

- (a) The Committee were asked to give consideration to the fact that a two day conference can prove expensive to ordinary members.

- (b) The Committee were asked what progress had been made towards the appointment of a research correspondent for the Journal of Co-operative Studies.

The Chairman replied that the process had begun with an appropriate article in issue 69, undertaken by Dr Peter Davis.

- (c) Appreciation was expressed to Frank Toft and Bernard Rhodes for their work on the programme of activities for the Southern Region of the S.C.S.

The Chairman replied that it is the wish of the Committee to extend regional activity of the Society.

The Membership Secretary stated that mailing labels can be made available to members who wish to promote further activities within their regions.

Thanks were expressed to the retail societies and the Federals who had made grants in sponsorship of the Journal.

6. *Adoption of Accounts.* The accounts, as published in Journal 69 were adopted as a correct record. The Auditor's note to the accounts was noted, and the Treasurer reported that he has requested more frequent Bank Statements.

7. *Subscription Rates* (a) The recommendations of the Committee that the following rates of subscription apply from the year ending March 1992 were adopted –

	Basic Rates	Sponsorship Additions	Basic plus Sponsorship Rates
Individual – Unwaged	£5	£5	£10
– Waged	£7	£5	£12
Organisation	£25	£50	£75

(b) A suggestion that it should be made clear that the subscription rates are 'minimum' and that additional donations would be welcomed, will be given consideration by the Committee.

8. *Election of Officers and Committee.* The following were elected;

- (a) Chairman: B Rhodes
- (b) Vice Chairmen (2): S Yeo and J Butler
- (c) Secretary: G Wade
- (d) Membership Secretary: F Dent
- (e) Treasurer: A Rhodes
- (f) Editors (2): R Marshall and T Carbery
- (g) Additional Committee Members (2): G Pratt and J Charlton

9. *Election of Presidents.* All existing Presidents were re-elected.

10. *Appointment of Auditor.* A Wilson was appointed auditor.

11. *Society Activities 1990-91.* The Committee were asked to consider the possibility of producing reprints of articles from the Journal of Co-operative Studies, No 70, January 1991©

Journal, where appropriate, to enable a larger readership. A suggestion that "short snippets" be used to fill white space within the Journal, will be considered by the Editors.

A suggestion that the C.W.S. Membership Magazine be used to carry an article about the Society for Co-operative Studies, will be considered by the Committee.

All officers and Committee members, and the colleagues on whom they relied for help, were thanked for their efforts over the previous twelve months; special thanks were expressed to I Moody who retired from the Committee on length of service, and the C.R.S. and Portsea Island Society for allowing their officers to undertake their service to the S.C.S.

The meeting closed at 1.00 p.m.

In Conclusion

"... went to look at the main MGM set where the master himself, Louis B. Mayer, was scheduled to make a speech to all his employees. There were several hundred of us sitting in rows of benches facing a platform where the big boss was seated in the midst of his chief collaborators. ... After several directors had made speeches to great applause, Mayer got to his feet and began to speak. You could have heard a pin drop.

"My friends" he began "I have thought long and hard and now I feel I can tell you the secret ingredient in M.G.M.'s success and prosperity. It's really a very simple formula ..."

An expectant hush had fallen; the tension was positively palpable. Mayer turned around, picked up a piece of chalk and slowly and deliberately wrote on the blackboard in large capital letters:

CO-OPERATION

The he sat down to a burst of wild and apparently sincere applause.

I was beside myself; the whole scene was beyond me."

Luis Bunuel in the Observer 22 January 1984

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