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Next meeting: Tuesday 17 March, 7:30 pm Stoke Methodist Hall

Topic: AGM and Paphiopedilum + Dendrobium re-potting (Gill and Hilary)

President's report:

It has been another good year for the Society, with a very successful Show in combination with the Alpine Society again. We had more people through the doors and our share of the door and kitchen takings was \$609.72. There would also have been money from our own raffles and commissions from sales. We seem to have made a very mutually beneficial alliance with the Alpine Society and both societies are keen for this to continue. For us, the Show is a major source of new members who keep the society alive and functioning. Last year, there were somewhat fewer plants in flower, but the many helpers made the hall look beautiful and I thank you all again for your work. Likewise, thanks go to the people who sold plants. Our members have generally joined because they want more plants so we really need people to sell them. I hope that you will start planning for our show this year, now, and how about dividing up some of your bigger plants to sell there?

I am grateful to the committee members who have supported me over the last 2 years. They have all done a very good job – thank you all. It is now time for some new blood in the committee. The job of President or Secretary is not difficult, it means a meeting 1 week later than the society meeting and requires chairing the meeting or dealing with minutes and correspondence. Now that we deal with most contacts by e-mail, life is good. I feel strongly that we need newer members on committee and in the chair somewhere, to bring a fresh perspective to our meeting subjects and activities and that is why I am standing down as both President and newsletter editor.

I also would like to thank all of our members who have brought plants to displays and made our meetings beautiful, or who have brought along problems to access other members' expertise. Your contributions to the Society are much appreciated.

Lin Drake

Notices:

Needed: one newsletter editor, otherwise this will be the last one you receive! It's mainly that I have done it for YEARS and I think it is time to pass it on to somebody else. It probably takes about 2 hours per month, apart from posting about 11 paper copies to members with no e-mail. The mailing list is all set up and ready to hand over, so please rush me with offers to do the job. You might be able to introduce colour pictures even.

Please pay your subs if not already done, because after this meeting you are not financial members. In fact, you need to be financial to vote at the AGM.

Re-potting: please note that as the AGM never takes up a whole evening, we have Hilary to show you how she re-pots her slipper orchids (*Paphiopedilum*) and Gill to do a soft-cane *Dendrobium nobile*.

I have attached the AGM minutes and the Sunvale Orchids plant price list.

See you at the meeting.