

**Arboricultural Association
Minutes of the AA Cornwall Branch
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 29th January 2019
7:00pm The Plume of Feathers, Mitchell.**

		ACTION
1	Apologies for Absence Tim SE, M Odgers-Brown, Jo Cooper, Paul Dymond, James Gregory, Nick Cooper	
2	Minutes 2019 AGM Minutes – 1.AR 2.SP	
3	Matters arising – N/A	
4.1	Chairman’s report – Alan Rowe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to members for their ongoing support • 2018 was a good year. • Spring seminar supported by Gary Long, Head Gardener, Trewithen. 30 attendees at Sorbus demonstration / 80 attendees at autumn seminar which included: CC, CWT & Beaver Project, Jeremy Barrell, Paul Diamond. • Cornwall Branch membership increased from 21 to 50 and is aligned with AA nationally • Need to continue to promote the AA at a local and national level – use social media and post regularly – items to come through AR / OB and AA HQ • TSE local partnership working on community project plus an opportunity for contractors to get involved – free advertising • We need the support of members and the industry and will welcome idea for training and events 	
4.2	Treasurers Report – Simon Proctor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal outgoing Treasurers report due to centralised funds administered by AA HQ. • Cornwall Branch net income £2,204 from events 	
5	Constitutional Changes – Alan Rowe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for other branch members to step into branch roles • Constitution needs to be adopted 	AR / OB

6	<p>1. Election of Officers</p> <p><i>(a) Chair – Proposed AR - 1.OB 2. TPrice</i></p> <p><i>(b) Secretary – Proposed OB – 1. AR 2.TPrice</i></p> <p><i>(c) Vice Chair -Paul Dymond – 1.AR 2.OB</i></p> <p><i>(d) Treasurer – SP currently in role but unclear if required due to central accounting</i></p> <p><i>(e) Membership secretary – TPrice steps down from this role – thanks for his support and increasing membership numbers</i></p> <p>No requirement for a formal committee. AAHQ to promote meetings.</p>	
7	<p>AA Stephen Hodsman – informal presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall 20% increase in growth – 194 student members with overall membership to reach 3000 • Media 827,000 website views, Facebook 85007 followers, increased search ranking • AA ran 115 courses in 2018 with an increase in non-members attending • ISA course pass rate of 100% • Ideas for new course welcomed, possible student conference in north & south of England • Arb Show has 200% increase in attendance since locating to Westonbirt • AAAC Scheme and Journal still in red zone and need improvement • Potential links to Bali and possible partnership with Forst 	
9	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NTSG Working group – no action required • Student engagement / with training providers – Notter bridge, Lynher Training, City & Guilds, Eden • Branching Out Event – AR / OB to attend • Future Cornwall Branch Events – Spring / Summer field visit & Autumn Seminar (contractor focus) – possible move to Lanivet Village Hall – Tree Biology (Andy Hiron), Biosecurity, 3998 overview, Jim Mulholland AA • Spring Flower Show – local branch to attend CH to lead, support required • RCS – CTS happy to have AA presence on their stand 	
10	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>TBC</p>	