

Annual General Meeting of CASPRA held on the 14th May 2008 at Castor and Ailsworth Cricket Club Pavilion.

Present: Margaret Conkey. Stan Jackson. Colin Brown. Colin Roberts. Andy Martin. Clare Lane. Ian Sheldon. Jill Pick. Les Pick. Daniel Fitzjohn. Jayne Mann

Apologies: Steve Grys. John Elson. Val Roberts. Bob Hill. Bev Rigby.

Andy welcomed everyone, read out the apologies.

Minutes of last A.G.M. agreed and signed by Andy Martin and Daniel Fitzjohn.

Chairman's Report:

Another year has passed so quickly and I feel another successful one for CASPRA.

Our profile within the community continues to rise and this year we gave back to the Community over £4,500 which I think is a tremendous effort. The organisations that benefited from our support were the Evergreen Club, Castor Pre-School, Castor Primary School, Beavers, Martial Arts Club and the new St. John's Ambulance group, which could not have started without our help. I think helping the St. John's Ambulance is what CASPRA is all about as it will give life skills to young people in our community and they will be able to use these to help others.

Our main fund raising events of the Barn Dance at the Village Fete, the German Beer Night, Xmas float and the Conkers where all supported and demonstrated how different members of CASPRA contribute to the organisation of these events and as a whole we make them successful. I feel we now have an established fund raising schedule which will continue to go from strength to strength. Also again the Young Person of the Year Award proved successful and working with the school to identify talent within our villages is definitely the way forward.

I thank Jayne, Colin and Dan for doing an excellent job in their respective roles and the support of our President Colin Roberts who keeps me on the straight and narrow. I hope all of them will stand for re-election as they do contribute a lot to our organisation.

I do think we have created a successful formula within CASPRA and if elected again would be delighted to continue next year as I feel we make an important contribution to our local communities of Castor and Ailsworth.

Andy Martin.

Presidents Report:

2007/8 has been a very successful year for CASPRA all our events and functions have had excellent support both from the villages and CASPRA members. In monetary terms we have been able to donate more cash this year than any other twelve month period. (some of you may remember 1994 when we were given a grant of £100 by Castor Parish Council to start up CASPRA).

I can foresee, given the expertise and organising skills that the committee now have onboard that we will continue throughout 2009.

WELL DONE TO ALL MEMBERS

My one concern, is, it would appear that recently some members have not been receiving current information. Even though they attend most meetings. Can we please rectify this in some way.

Colin Roberts.

Treasurers Report:

Colin Brown informed the meeting that we have a total in the bank of £3,263. Not so much money in this year, but very well spent, with what money has been donated. Andy Martin thanked Colin for his superlative work.

Proposed Ian Sheldon. Seconded Andy Martin.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Andy Martin – Proposed Clare Lane. 2nd Margaret Conkey.

Vice Chair: Daniel Fitzjohn. Proposed Colin Roberts. 2nd Jayne Mann.

Treasurer: Colin Brown. Proposed Margaret Conkey. 2nd Clare Lane.

Secretary: Jayne Mann. Proposed Andy Martin. 2nd Colin Roberts.

Any other Business:

Colin Roberts requested that everyone should be informed of any extra news going on within CASPRA either by e-mail or by telephone if not on e-mail. Also any urgent business would be e-mailed or telephone by the secretary.

A.G.M. closed 8.25 p.m.