

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Precancel Stamp Society of Great Britain was held in Loughton, Essex on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008  
The Chair was taken by the President, Colin Blakebrough who welcomed 11 members with a further 16 registering their Apologies

The minutes of the 2007 AGM were taken as read.

**The Treasurer** presented her report showing a Bank Balance of The accounts showed a bank balance of £4661.24

**The Secretary** reported that. he total membership now stood at 102 and that he would produce a membership sheet to bring the 2007 membership list up to date

**The Packet Secretary** reported that during the society's past year 43 packets totalling £8,021 were put into circulation with sales of £4,136 (51.5%).55 members received packets during the year.

He thanked those members who supply booklets for the packets and stressed the need to phone ahead before posting the Packet on.

Our insurance has now increased substantially and Library cover was added.

**The Librarian** reported a quiet year. He had requests from 6 members for a total of 8 publications.

Tony then announced that he wished to resign the post of Librarian due to health problems and family commitments.

**The Editor** reported that we have had a successful year with the newsletter, Brian said and that his only moan was lack of copy.

Ever mindful of Club funds the printing costs are as low as they will go. Postage is the big expense and set to go up each year.

The June meeting, which he organised at Swinpex was very disappointing. Most members said they will make a better effort to attend in 2009.

He continued stating that he was willing to stand again as editor. However, this will be his last year. Ongoing family commitments leave him with no choice and requested that a replacement editor be found by the next AGM.

**The Auctioneer** did not attend but submitted a report on the Auction held in April 2008 in which the total of lots sold came to £328.80, generating a sum of £32.88 for club funds... For the next auction said Bob wants the lists in by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

**The President** in his address to the meeting opened by stating once again he is pleased that the membership numbers are holding well, and he knows of other clubs who are suffering through lack of members

He thanked the Editor and Packet Secretary for there continuing excellent work.

He said he had received an email from Committee member & Webmaster, Colin Philip saying he was willing to carry on as webmaster but felt he should resign as a committee member. The President said he would refuse to accept this and would write to Colin Philip.

It is good to see the society is still in good shape the President concluded.

**Election of Officers:** The Election of Officers was carried *en bloc*, but noted that before the next AGM we have to find a new Librarian and Editor. This was duly agreed by all members present.

**The Annual Subscription.** Subscriptions will remain at the level set at the 2005 AGM the meeting agreed.

**Future Meetings:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009 during SWINPEX in Swindon and the AGM on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2009

No other meetings were scheduled for the coming year.

**Any Other Business:** Mike Cox is indexing all items related to stamps printed in 'Precancels'

For many years of loyal service to the PSSGB, Colin Blakebrough, Colin Philip, Gordon Rowe and Bob Kingdon have been made Honorary Life Members of our Society.

Reg Lee suggested that we advertise in the next newsletter the positions of Editor and Librarian need to be filled.

With no further business the meeting closed at 3.46pm.