

LMAA Minutes of meeting held 30th July 2026

Present: Christine, Phil, Hilary, Dorothy, Tony, George

Apologies: Sara

Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd July approved

Matters arising:

- There had been no volunteers to help with developing the website so it was agreed that HB would set up a private Facebook page for members only which will hopefully provide an alternative method of communication. It was agreed that this will be monitored to ensure that only positive advice and information would be shared.

Action: HB to set up

Open day arrangements:

- Dorothy reported back on the gazebo purchased for Open Day. Will need weighting down e.g. with bags of sand, to ensure that it doesn't get blown away.
- Phil to speak to his neighbour Alan about attending the Open Day and manning a stand on behalf of Maggie's. Dorothy has received merchandise.

Chair's Report – nothing to report

Membership Secretary:

- 3 new members have taken on plots
- Waiting list now at 65
- 4 plots are available but will need work before letting
- CH raised the issue of who is responsible for putting in raised beds in top mobility plots? Agreed that the committee is responsible for putting in first bed, but plot holders are responsible for the rest.

Secretary's Report:

- New lease almost ready to sign. Side letter received. Figures for years 1-3 and 4-6 are correct based on original lease, but we need to challenge measurement of whole site.

Action: CH to challenge including a plan of allotment site with measurements.

- NAWG CH attended meeting of all secretaries to discuss viability. Unanimous decision to keep NAWG going

Financial report:

- Finance officer reported continuing problems with Lloyds as she tries to change the LMAA account to a charity.
- After some discussion it was agreed that she should close the account and investigate opening a new one with a bank or building society more supportive of charitable organisations e.g. Newcastle Building Society

Action: DR to investigate and report back

Trading hut: trading has been quiet now that the growing season is almost over.

Building Structures report: everything up to date

Newsletter: July edition has been sent out

Pre-Open Day Tidy up Day Friday 14th August 10-12

Tasks to include:

- Strimming border along Moorside (Frank?)
- Strimming and mowing wild flower bed (Rob)
- Cutting back brambles from inside border alongside Ilford Rd
- Tidying area beside entry gate
- Checking drain covers are still taped up
- Tidying pond area
- Making up sandbags for gazebos

Open Day 16th August 2-4

Tasks to include:

- Final planning meeting Sunday 2nd August
- Phil to bring tennis balls and footballs + small goal posts
- Notice asking for help and donations from plot holders to be put in everyone's hut/greenhouse
- Need for raffle prizes
- Plastic bags for folk to take produce home in
- Tea/coffee/biscuits/sugar/luggage labels
- Weights for gazebo
- Deciding on suitable position for ice cream van

Roles:

- On the gate
- Tours of allotment
- Manning stalls
- Refreshments

AOB: None

Date of next meeting: Thurs 3rd Sept 10am