

The Society for Co-operative Studies

REPORT OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at the Co-operative College
on 16th September 1984

1. The minutes of the 1983 AGM were taken as read.
2. There were no matters arising.

3. Officers' Reports

- (a) *Chairman*: Jack Prichard reported that the Society's move from austerity to relative affluence had been difficult (though agreeable) to cope with. Activities that were being planned were taking some time to get started but once they were going would use a significant amount of the available money.
- (b) On the *Secretary's Report* (printed in Bulletin 51), there was a proposal that the attendance by officers at national officers' meetings should be published. This proposal was agreed for all national officers except the presidents.
- (c) *Membership Secretary*: Alex Wilson reported a membership as of that day of 248, which was unprecedentedly high.
- (d) *Editors*: Bob Marshall reported that the Bulletin continued to show a considerable variety of interest and had seen some improvements to its format. They hoped its range would continue to broaden and its appearance continue to improve. More attention needed to be given to the promotion and marketing of the Bulletin. There was subsequently some discussion of a change of name to the "Journal", a proposal that was remitted to the national officers for further consideration.

4. Accounts

These had been printed in Bulletin 51 and were adopted without comment.

5. Constitution

It was moved from the chair that "this meeting endorses the decision of the national officers to convene a small working party with the power to co-opt members to review the Society's constitution and requires a report to be published in the April 1985 Bulletin for discussion and decision at the 1985 AGM". It was further resolved that

Fred Broughton and Nancy Scott be members of the working party in addition to others to be nominated by the national officers.

6. Election of National Officers

The following were elected:

(a) Chairman: Basil Loveridge

(b) Vice-Chairmen: Joan Straker
Johnston Birchall

(c) Secretary: Brian Rose

(d) Membership Secretary: John Brown

(e) Treasurer: Alan Rhodes

(f) Editors: Tom Carbery
Bob Marshall

(g) Auditor: Alex Wilson

(h) Presidents: re-elected en bloc with the addition of Alex Wilson.

8. A vote of thanks to Jack Prichard and the other officers was carried.

November 1984

Brian Rose