

Report of the Annual General Meeting, 2017

On Sunday 26th November 2016 we held our Annual General Meeting at Lafkos chaired by Ioannis Iatrou. All members of the committee were present except for Pilitsa Vaitsara and Gerlinde Falk.

The President welcomed the members and thanked all those who have volunteered their time over the past year, especially Mandi Mathews for her invaluable work in keeping members informed of our activities and maintaining our website. He also thanked all our members who have participated in work parties to open and clear paths. On average 10-12 people participated in each work party.

Path opening and cleaning: The vice president Kyriakos Stathakis reported that, over the past year, our volunteer work parties have completed the opening and signing the following routes: Neohori-Granitsa-Siki, Milina-Piges-Kydonies, Promiri-Kanalakia towards Rodia, Trikeri-Alogoporos, Lafkos-Ag. Spiridonos monastery-Promiri. A discussion followed on the feasibility and cost of maintaining our increasing network of footpaths.

Treasurer's report: Our treasurer, Liz Avramides, presented the accounts and noted the practical difficulty of collecting membership subscriptions from some of our members. A discussion followed of possible solutions. A request was made for someone to volunteer as an event organiser to help with the collection of funds. Our total income for the year was 5246.89 euro and our total expenditure was 3284.07 euro, which included the purchase of a computer to be used by Mandi Mathews for the management of the society's website and correspondence. Our balance of funds is 7230.80 euro. The budget approved for the coming year allows the allocation of funds to be made as necessary to further the aims of the Society (opening, cleaning, maintenance of paths, promotion etc).

Other business: The meeting was informed of plans for future studies on the walking paths of S. Pilio. Students from the University of Thessaly intent to create an application for mobile phones with walking routes. The Plant Fair will be held in Lafkos next year on 22nd April.