

## **Report of the Annual General Meeting, 2014**

On Saturday 22nd November we held our Annual General Meeting at Lafkos plateia, chaired by Kyriakos Stathakis in the absence of the president, Yannis Basdanis.

**Path opening and cleaning:** In the winter of 2013-14 our volunteer work parties completed opening and signing the route from Neoxori to Siki to Xinovrisi and once completed this was celebrated with an organized walk. The routes have been posted on the web (on the site Walking in Pelion), We also worked on the route Argalasti to Kallithea to Xinovrisi. In the summer we paid for the summer maintenance of paths in the Lafkos / Milina / Horto / Argalasti / Kalamos and Lefokastro areas. Some other paths are cleaned by volunteer effort. We purchased new signs to continue waymarking routes and replacing old, damaged and missing signs.

**Treasurer's report:** Our treasurer, Liz Avramides, presented the accounts for the previous year giving details of our expenditure and income over the past year. Our income derives mainly from the subscriptions of our members (€10 per year) and some donations and proceeds of fund-raising events. Our total income for the year was 3125.71 euro. Expenditure is made directly towards the opening, cleaning, maintaining and signing of paths. Our total expenditure for the year was 3049.01 euro. Our balance of funds is 4648.84 euro. It was agreed by the meeting that a detailed budget for 2015 was unnecessary given that our funds will be spent only on purposes directly relating to the objectives of the society to open, clean, maintain, sign and promote the use of the paths etc. The accounts were checked and approved by the 3-member checking committee.

In 2014 we have 240 paid up members out of a total membership of 340. It was agreed by the meeting that any members who have not paid their subscriptions for a period of 3 years would no longer be included in the current (active) members list. If you wish to pay your subscription for 2014 or previous years, please email [treasurer@friendsofthekalderimi.org](mailto:treasurer@friendsofthekalderimi.org)

**Committee elections:** Every second year our society elects members to serve as the management committee. Following the election of the supervisory committee, the 7 nominations for the 7 committee posts were duly elected by the membership present at the meeting. The new management committee is:

President - Kyriakos Stathakis, Vice President - Ioannis Yiatrou, Secretary - Sofia Mayioglou, Treasurer - Liz Avramides, Members - Nikos Adraskelas, Christos Fotou, Chris Wicks.

The new checking committee was also elected.

Thanks were given to committee members Tatiana Eftaxia and Ioannis Basdanis who did not stand for reelection. Thanks were also given to everyone who volunteers in the varied activities of our association, participating in work parties, organising walks, fund raising and social events.

**Social events:** Last June we held a summer party in Horto that was a great success. We would like to ask anyone who is willing to organise social events in the next year to let us know. If you can volunteer please contact any committee member or send an e mail to [treasurer@friendsofthekalderimi.org](mailto:treasurer@friendsofthekalderimi.org)

**Members' questions:** An issue was raised about the continued destruction of old kalderimi where for example they are concreted over to provide access for cars to houses. A specific example was given in the Horto area that will be looked into by the new committee. South Pelion Vice Mayor Thanasis Flerris, who was present at the meeting, outlined the councils view to such cases and invited us to bring them to the attention of the council to take action where possible. In response to a member's question, he also informed the meeting about the participation of the Local Council of South Pelion in the European program CHARTS, which he

emphasized was directed mainly at people in businesses related to tourism. He stated that the results of the program will shortly be presented by the local authority.

We look forward to another successful year in 2015.