

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held by Zoom on Saturday 14 November 2020 at 11 am

Present: Lorna Aizlewood, Chair of the Board, Ed Fishwick, Honorary Treasurer, Tony Garton, Company Secretary, Katy Spicer, Chief Executive, and nineteen others, including nine current Board members and three who will join the Board at the end of the meeting. Proxies had been appointed by 73 members.

1. Welcome

Lorna Aizlewood, Board Chair, welcomed Members attending and Fee Lock representing the Morris Federation.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Steve Roud

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 November 2019

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Mike Wilson-Jones and seconded by Corinne Male. The Minutes were accepted nem con on a show of hands.

4. Matters Arising from the minutes

There were no Matters arising from the Minutes

5. Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year 2017 - 2018, including the report of the Auditors and an update on activities for the current year.

The annual report had been previously distributed.

Lorna Aizlewood, Ed Fishwick and Katy Spicer addressed the meeting on the annual report and accounts.

That the Annual Report and Accounts be received by the meeting was proposed by Alistair Anderson, seconded by Nicola Kearey and agreed by the Meeting nem con on a show of hands.

6. Elections and Appointments to the Board

Tony Garton advised the meeting that this year three Board members have completed their three year terms on the Board. They are Lorna Aizlewood, Fi Fraser and Andy Wooles. All three are eligible to stand again and have stood for re-election. In addition there were two candidates new to the Board who have stood for election. They are Robyn Chicot and Eleanor Telfer. As there are as many candidates as there are vacancies, all are elected.

In addition the Board has appointed two members. Lucy Hooberman who was previously a member of the Board but who it was announced at the last AGM had stood down for personal reasons is able to rejoin the Board and has been re-appointed. A motion to confirm her appointment is later on the agenda. The second one is Martin Parker. His appointment came after the papers for this meeting had been posted out and a motion to confirm his appointment will be before the 2021 AGM.

7. Setting Subscriptions for 2020 (Ordinary Resolution 1)

The Board asked the meeting to confirm the levels of subscription for 2020. The resolution was passed overwhelmingly on a show of hands.

8. Appointment of Auditors (Ordinary Resolution 2)

Sayer Vincent were proposed as the Society's auditors until the 2021 AGM. The resolution was passed overwhelmingly on a show of hands.

9. Confirmation of Lucy Hooberman as a director (Ordinary Resolution 3)

Lucy Hooberman was appointed as a director appointed by the Board under Article 11.5. The resolution was passed overwhelmingly on a show of hands.

10. Any Other Business

Sherry Neyhus asked Fee Lock, attending as a representative of the Morris Federation to comment on the proceedings at their recent AGM concerning Black Face Morris. She informed the meeting that after a long but good tempered AGM it had been decided that members were no longer going to be allowed to wear full-face black make up.

Mike Wilson-Jones asked for an update on how the Covid 19 pandemic is affecting EFDSS. Katy Spicer said that the furlough scheme had been used extensively and that the scheme had now been extended. It is probable that it will not be used as much now as business begins to pick up. The situation has been helped by an emergency grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. There is a projected deficit of cir £10,000 in the financial year 2020/1. Fee Lock congratulated EFDSS on keeping going during the current situation.

Lorna Aizlewood and Tony Garton thanked the EFDSS staff for their efforts in assuring that the AGM and the proxy voting had worked so well in the present unusual and challenging circumstances.

The meeting closed at 11.45.

Tony Garton, Company Secretary 14 November 2020