



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 11th September 2020

Held Online by means of a Zoom meeting - due to the Covid-19 virus situation.

Apologies: Sir Sydney Samuelson, Corey Seeger, Damien Carrol, John Locke.

Present: Roland Brown, Maureen Kendal, David Pope, Simon Hasler, Paul Whatton, Mark Trompeteler, Nigel Hamley, John Higgins, John Aldred, Sonja Woellner, Bryan Cook, Tanja Cook, John Alford, Eric Samuel, Nathan Newman, Paul Collard, Barry Measure, Gary Young, Christopher Woollard.

Patron's & President's Welcome:

Roland Brown, President, welcomed everyone to the online meeting. He also announced that after a very substantial length of time, our Patron, Sir Sydney Samuelson CBE had resigned and was stepping down from his patronage of The Society. Roland informed us of Sir Sydney's greetings and apologies for not attending the AGM this year. The President confirmed the huge commitment and help Sir Sydney had given to The Society over the years, and the huge debt and thanks that we all owed Sir Sydney for his invaluable contribution.

Minutes of the Previous AGM:

These were adopted by all present as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the previous AGM. They were adopted without any objection or query from anyone present, and signed by The President.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

President's Report:

The President gave his report that had been circulated before the meeting, and that was also included in the accounts. He talked of a past year that involved the urgent need to re-structure The Society and drastically reduce its expenditure. He also talked of a period of little activity, whilst behind the scenes, a new team was coming into being with a brief to restructure and revitalise The Society.

Approval of 2019 Accounts:

Following a few questions and answers, the adoption of the accounts was proposed by John Alford, and seconded by Maureen Kendal, and carried by a vote with 13 votes in favour, and one against.

Re - Appointment of LB Accountants:

The appointment of the examining accountants was approved by 13 votes in favour.

New Advisory Council:

Maureen Kendal gave a short verbal presentation on the new Advisory Council and the new Board of Directors. She outlined their general aim and their first thoughts on the possible approaches they will take in re-awakening and revitalising The Society.

AOB:

There were no other matters pre-notified to the AGM, or raised at the meeting.

AGM Close:

The President closed the AGM part of the meeting, followed by then extending it to constituting it into an EGM component.

EGM Special Resolution:

To all those present re-confirmation was made of the special resolution that had been pre-circulated. The resolution to admit i) Sonja Woellner as a member of Advisory Council and ii) also the resolution to allow the current Advisory Council, as currently constituted, to continue. There was a vote to pass that resolution, with a majority of 15 votes in favour.