



Annual General Meeting
Sunday 25 April 2021
via Zoom

Minutes

Present: 62 members

Apologies: Ken Tonge, Geraldine Walker.

Welcome: the Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM which was held via Zoom on account of continuing restrictions on public gatherings.

The Chair spoke briefly to the achievements since the last AGM in November, including the completion of policy documents, establishing successful online coffee mornings and evenings, including an online glaze question theme, new Facebook community group and online workshops and videos. The Chair also introduced the existing individual committee members.

Each resolution was then introduced in turn, and members were asked to vote on each one via Zoom's online polling facility.

Resolution 1: Minutes of the 2020 AGM

This was approved by 56% of the members present, 44% abstained, not having been present at the previous AGM.

Matters Arising: a question was raised about progress with creating a directory of members to allow members to see who else is in the SPA, and to know who was local to whom. In response, it was accepted that progress was slow in part because of the complications of GDP Regulations and the pressure of other priorities but it is being progressed. Elaine Hill, the website officer, spoke to the fact that the website needed to be adapted and she was dealing with this.

Resolution 2: Independent Examiner

The appointment of Lee Stevenson of Community Accountancy Scotland as Independent Examiner for the Charity until the next general meeting of the Charity was approved by 86% of the members present, 14% abstained.

Resolution 3: Annual Return to the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR)

The Annual Return of the Charity, for the year to 30 November 2020, was approved by 83% of members present for submission to OSCR, 17% abstained.

Resolution 4: Policy Documents:

The following policy documents were approved by members present:

Code of Conduct for Trustees (approved by 86% of members, 14% abstained)

Complaints Policy (approved by 86% of members, 14% abstained)

Conflict of Interest Policy (approved by 86% of members, 14% abstained)

Health & Safety Policy (approved by 88% of members, 12% abstained)

Financial Management Policy (approved by 84% of members, 16% abstained)

Resolution 5: Election of Trustees of the Charity

Fiona Robertson was elected by 93% of the members present as Chair of the Charity, in accordance with the terms of the Constitution, 7% abstained.

The following members were elected or re-elected as Trustees of the Charity, in accordance with the terms of the Constitution, by 93% of members present, 7% abstained:

Irene Hughes (Secretary) **

Mina Rusk (Treasurer) **

Caroline Gault (Social Media)

Elaine Hill (Website)

Anna Kretsinger (Merchandise)

Christine Flynn (Newsletter) *

Fran Marquis (Exhibitions)

Kathleen Morison (Membership)

Maria Nordgren (Workshops)

Lynn Pitt (E-bulletins)

Elaine Pollitt (Health & Safety)

Iain Campbell (Archive)*

*change of role for existing trustee

**new trustee

This concluded the formal part of the meeting.

Officer Updates

Workshops: Maria Nordgren then updated members on forthcoming workshops including a new date of 5 June for Hannah McAndrew and Doug Fitch's online workshop and progress with videos from Kerstin Gren and Cathrine Holtet to follow.

Exhibitions: Fran Marquis updated members on exhibitions, including at the Watermill Gallery in July, a craft fair at the Bield in Perthshire 29th-31st October and an exhibition with a theme of Scottish Stories at the Barony in West Kilbride in May/June in 2022. Also, Aberdeen Art Gallery had responded positively to the initial approach to hosting a major SPA 50th anniversary exhibition. Further discussions will take place once the Art Gallery is fully open. Fran also pointed out that this would be her last year as exhibitions officer and invited any interested member to talk to her about the job. Someone is also needed to take on the task as 50th Anniversary Coordinator, which might be better separate from other exhibitions work.

Membership: Kathleen Morison spoke briefly to update members on an increase in membership, which is now up to 300 people. She also said this would be her last year as Membership secretary and invited anyone who might be interested to speak to her about the post.

The meeting then concluded with heartfelt appreciation for Christine's four years as Chair and a warm welcome to Fiona Robertson as the incoming Chair.