

# **Minutes of Royal Society of St George Annual General Meeting**

**Bolton Whites Hotel, Bolton - 29th September 2018**

23 Members in attendance

Meeting opened at 10:00 by RSSG Chairman, Joanna Cadman

## **1. Election of President**

Bill Firth was nominated by Colin Lee (Manchester Branch)

Seconded by Jeffery Long

Approved by all present

In his acceptance speech, Mr Firth thanked those present and confirmed that this will be his last year as President and that his objective is to identify a suitable 'notable' replacement.

Mr Bill Firth then assumed the chair of the meeting.

## **2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Proposed by Edna Stinchcombe (Bristol Branch)

Seconded by Chris Houghton (Bolton Branch)

Approved by all present

## **3. Matters Arising**

- Nick Hinchcliffe (member of Council and Haslemere Branch) had previously handed £365 to the Chairman in response to his challenge to save £1 a day for the Society.
- Dennis Stinchcombe (Bristol Branch) confirmed that he had also been collecting £1 per day. He handed over £185 representing 50% for RSSG. The remaining 50% would be passed to his cadet group.
- Angus Scott also handed over £365 to the Chairman.
- The Chairman thanked them all for their significant efforts for the Society.

## **4. Chairman's Report**

Joanna Cadman talked through her report and responded to questions as appropriate.

## **5. Adoption of Examined Accounts**

Joanna Cadman talked through the Accounts for 2017 and pointed out the £6,000 loss, partly caused by loss of members and partly by additional costs created by the office move. She hoped that this year it would be possible to at least break even.

Proposed by Chris Houghton (Bolton Branch)  
Seconded by Dennis Stinchcombe (Bristol Branch)  
Approved by all

At the point Mr Bill Firth asked for a vote of thanks to Joanna Cadman for all her work over the last year.  
Agreed by all

## **6. Adoption of Charitable Trust Accounts**

Nick Dutt, Chairman of the Charitable Trust talked through the Trustee's report and accounts.

Proposed by Dennis Stinchcombe (Bristol Branch)  
Seconded by Michael Riley (Manchester Branch)

## **7. Membership Fees**

Joanna Cadman explained the reason for the changes to the Fees levels and the introduction of a Joining Fee. Each point was voted on separately:

### Membership Fee Increases:

Proposed by Joanna Cadman  
Seconded by Dennis Stinchcombe (Bristol Branch)

For: 21 (18 members present & 3 postal votes)  
Against: 9 (0 members present & 9 postal votes)  
Abstentions: 4  
Motion carried

### Joining Fees:

Proposed by Joanna Cadman  
Seconded by Angus Scott

For: 21 (18 members present & 3 postal votes)  
Against: 10 (1 members present & 9 postal votes)  
Abstentions: 3  
Motion carried

Therefore, according to our bye-laws, these changes will come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

## **8. Elect/Re-elect members Council Members**

Joanna Cadman talked through the Council members to be elected and those to be re-elected.

Colin Lee (Manchester Branch) raised a number of concerns over the new postal ballot system which were noted for next year's AGM, including:

- Postal ballots to be sent out earlier (preferably to each member, once all their details are held on a central database)
  - More detail should be provided on each point to be voted on
  - Those who are standing for election or re-election to the Council should submit a CV and, if at all possible, be present at the AGM.
- a) Paul Herbage (City of London Branch) and Nick Hinchcliffe (Haslemere Branch) we're proposed for election  
Proposed by Michael Riley (Manchester Branch)  
Seconded by Dennis Stinchcombe (Bristol Branch)  
Approved by all present
- b) Bob Smith, Chris Houghton, Lt Col Leslie Clarke and Lloyd James were proposed for re-election.  
Proposed by Joanna Cadman  
Seconded by Edna Stinchcombe (Bristol Branch)  
Approved by all present

## **9. To Appoint Accounts as General Examiners**

Alistair Clement was proposed by Joanna Cadman  
Seconded by Dennis Stinchcombe (Bristol Branch)  
Approved by all present

## **10. AOB**

None

Meeting closed at 11:30

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Approved

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Date