



Association of Show and Agricultural Organisations

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Show and Agricultural Organisations held on zoom, on Tuesday 14th May 2024

Present; Denis Dooley [Chairman], Paul Hooper [Secretary], Pam Wills [Membership Administrator Designate] and 30 Members representatives.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and reported of 4 Apologies.

The Chairman and Secretary then led those present through the agenda as follows

1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 25th February 2023 – Proposed by Christine Knipe, Seconded by Sarah Moreland - agreed
2. To receive and consider the report of the Directors and the Accounts of the Company for the Financial Year ended 31st December 2023.
Following a comment from a member it was noted that there was an error on page 3 of the accounts on the reserves policy which need to be amended to read in relation to the free reserves – Should read £113,713 – not £10,276 (2022 £96,440 not £2,120) with this amendment noted It was proposed by Mark Stoddart and Seconded by Chris riddle that the accounts should be approved – agreed.
3. To consider the result of any election of Directors of the Association.
The Secretary reported that at the closing date for nominations 4 nominations had been received for the 4 vacancies – therefore No vote was required.
It was noted that 3 positions were for a 3 year term and 1 for a one year term.
Following the drawing of straws by The Chairman the following was confirmed;

David Tennant [Royal Highland], Mark Stoddart [Great Yorkshire], Lisa Moore [Devon County] Were duly elected for a 3 year term and David Tite [Driffield]Was elected for a 1 year term.
4. To authorise the Directors to appoint Accountants to the Association and to fix their remuneration. Proposed by Tim Ledbury, Seconded by Chris Riddle - agreed
5. To receive a report from the Chairman and Secretary on any relevant items from the meeting of the Association Council – including the ASAO business plan – please see attached document.

The Chairman introduced Pam Wills to the membership who had recently been appointed as the Membership Secretary – starting in her role in early June – Pam was welcomed to the team. The Chairman expressed his and those of the Association, grateful thanks to Tim Ledbury and his team for their support and work over the last year.

The Secretary reported to the meeting

The Poultry showing rules had been changed – and information had been circulated permitting shows to begin again

Rabbits – still on going discussion with the various parties

Regional meetings – all 11 now complete – a good series of meetings throughout the country.

The next catchup will be held on 20th June when We will have a speaker from out accountants Burton Sweet – on the new Charity return requirements and other related issues.

Over the previous 24 hrs before the UK Health support Agency have raised issues re the recent outbreaks of Cryptosporidium. In the agricultural sector the HSE pass the enforcement on to the Local EHO networks. It is therefore essential that ALL members are aware and operate within the guidance of the ICOP as circulated recently following the outbreak on a farm in Worcestershire – ignorance has been described by the enforcement agencies as NOT an ACCEPTABLE Excuse. Following some discussion, it was agreed that the documents would be circulated again to the membership.

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P J HOOPER OBE (Secretary)