

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING held at 2pm, 22nd June
2022, at the Bat & Ball Centre, Crampton's Road,
Sevenoaks, TN14 5DN**

1. Quorum.

There were 43 members present at the Meeting. The Tellers (Bob Ruffles and Charles Hebert) confirmed that the meeting constituted a quorum (including an additional 13 postal voters, but excluding one member present who had voted by post).

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from: Beryl Mansell, Pam and Roger Walshe, Christopher and Charlotte Thornton, Patrick and Doreen Pascall, Pat Lowe and Brian Alleeson.

3. Voting

The Chairman (Ken Brown) explained that voting would be by raising a hand. A motion is agreed if a simple majority present vote for the motion. Any members present who had voted by post were reminded that they should not vote again at this meeting.

4. Minutes of the AGM held 23rd June 2021

The Motion to approve the Minutes, which had been proposed by Judy Hebert and seconded by Frank Matthews, was agreed by a large majority of members in both the poll of members present and those voting by post.

5. Trustees' Report 2022

The Report had been distributed in advance of the meeting. The Chair said that it had been a challenging year, dominated by Covid. Zoom had enabled many activities to continue, some held as hybrid meetings, but the return to face-to-face meetings was appreciated. Two meetings had been held in the year for new members. Membership numbers had remained stable.

Members were invited to ask questions about the Report, but there were none. The Motion to accept the Trustees' Report, which had been proposed by Nick White and seconded by Bob Ruffles, was agreed by a large majority of members in both the poll of members present and those voting by post.

6. Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

The Accounts had been distributed in advance of the meeting. The Treasurer (David Lowe) referred to the revised version, which had been issued, containing figures for medium sized groups.

Members were invited to ask questions about the Accounts, but there were none. The Motion to accept the Accounts, which had been proposed by Jim Purves and seconded by Harvey Mahn, was agreed by large majorities of members in both the poll of members present and those voting by post.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes, and the Trustees' Report and Accounts

Members were asked if there were any matters arising from the Minutes, and the Trustees' Report and Accounts. There were no matters arising.

8. Newsletter Distribution

The Chairman proposed the Motion that a version of the monthly Newsletter be posted ONLY to members who do NOT have email, UNLESS members who have email inform the Communications Trustee that, for whatever reason, they feel they still need a

printed version to be posted to them. If agreed, the policy would be implemented with the October 2022 Newsletter.

A member suggested that costs could be saved by enabling members to pick up their copy of the Newsletter at the Monthly Meeting. The Chairman agreed that the Executive Committee would look at this suggestion.

Another member raised the issue of out-of-date email addresses held for some members. The Chairman agreed that a note would be placed in the Newsletter, reminding members to report changes of email address to the Membership Secretary.

The Motion, which had been seconded by Mike Davies, was agreed by large majorities of members in both the poll of members present and those voting by post. 3 members voted against the motion (1 by post) and there were 2 abstentions.

9. Retiring Executive Committee members

The Chairman thanked Jill Davies and Chris Dance for their valuable contributions to the Executive Committee.

10. Election of Secretary

Sue Christy had been nominated for Secretary by Pat Lowe and Sharon Fishwick. Sue Christy's appointment was agreed by large majorities in both the poll of members present and those voting by post.

11. Group Development

There had been no nominations for this role. The Chairman said that the Executive Committee was considering ways of dividing responsibility for Group Development to make manageable jobs for volunteers who would work together as a team.

12. Membership Secretary

Jenny Ruffles had agreed to take this role, but would not be a member of the Executive Committee.

13. Appointment of Independent Examiner:

The appointment of Michael Harwood as Independent Examiner of Accounts was agreed by large majorities in both the poll of members present and those voting by post.

14. Any other business:

There was no other business.

15. Closure of Meeting.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 14.20.