

EAST OF ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY,
 EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND, PETERBOROUGH.
 A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE.
 REGISTERED IN ENGLAND, CERTIFICATION OF INCORPORATION 1589922.
 REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 283654.

MINUTES of the THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for MEMBERS of the ABOVE-NAMED COMPANY, held on THURSDAY 21ST JUNE 2018 @ 6.30pm in the PETERBOROUGH SUITE, EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND, PETERBOROUGH

Present:

Mr J Proctor OBE	President
Rt Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely	Incoming President
Mr T B W Beazley	Chairman

Mr M Andrew	Mr T Arthey	Mr I Beeby	Hon. G Bowyer	Mr R Bramley
Mr N Burman	Mr G Dodgson	Mrs A Goodall	Mr J Goodchild	Mr B Gotting
Mrs K Graves	Mr F Grounds MBE	Mr S Harris	Mr R Hayden	Mr P Horrell
Mr M Martin	Mr T Martin	Mrs C Myland	Mr J Orbell	Mr J Parrish
Mr JSG Paton	Mr C Reynolds	Mr A Riddington	Mr C Robinson	Mr N Rome
M R Simpson	Mr P Tate	Mr J Wallace	Mr P Ward	Mrs B Wheat
Mr R Wilkinson	Miss K Worboys			

Honorary Vice Presidents:

Mr R Worboys Mr S Worboys

Members:

Mr S Bumstead	Mrs B Burman	Mr H Fowler	Mrs M Orbell
Mr Stephen Papworth	Mrs Stewart Papworth	Mr B Rawlings	Mr J Tribe

In attendance:

Mr J Staples	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Q Arnold	Finance Director
Mr R Tate	Chairman SGS
Mr J Hawksfield	
Mr W Haire	Agricultural Business Manager
Mrs A Rodziewicz	Minute Taker

1. Notice Calling Meeting, Apologies for Absence

The CEO read the Notice.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Council Members:

Mr R Barnwell	Mr J Coward	Mr D Chamberlain MBE	Mr R Dalgliesh	Mr A Davies
Mr W Gee	Mr B Harris	Mr N Harris	Mr H Horrell	Mr G Norman
Mr S Peck	Mr D Reynolds OBE	Mr N Russell	Mr A Sharpley	Mr P Sharpley
Mr M Sly	Mr J Ward	Mr R West		

Honorary Vice Presidents:

Sir Hugh Duberly	Mr E Gee	Mr J Hoy	Dr M Hoffman
Mr D Riddington	Mr J Scott	Mr B Wilkinson	

Members:

Mr J Dodgson	Mrs E Gee	Mrs M Hoffman
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Non-attendance

Mr M Bletsoe-Brown	Mr G Markham
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2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd March 2017

The minutes were adopted. There were no matters arising.

3. Annual Report and Accounts

The Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2017 had been circulated to Members of the Society and posted on the Society's website with hard copies available at the meeting.

The FD reported the accounting period for the end of year accounts was 14 months as the year end had been moved to the end of December, as agreed by the Trustees.

The FD reported the Society's accounts continued to improve year on year and highlighted the following:

- Operating losses had improved by £187k primarily from the improvement in Showground Services
- There had been a large capital investment into the Showground of £836k to improve facilities, primarily the Peterborough and Cambridge Suites
- The value of investments and cash had increased by £25k
- The Marshal Papworth fund continued to grow by £68k even with an increase in the number of students funded
- Spend on charitable activities in total had increased by £218k
- The Total Reserves had increased by £161k

Questions were invited.

Mr M Andrew asked where the depreciation was entered into the accounts. The FD said it was on page 27 under note 4 of the accounts and the depreciation amount was £721,538.

The Chairman thanked the FD and Accounts Team for all the extra work that went into the annual accounts and to all staff of both the commercial and Society side for continuing to deliver excellent results.

The Chairman continued saying Kids Country would be welcoming its 35,000th child at the Food and Farming Day on 29th July and thanked Paul Tate, his team and volunteers for their commitment to this flagship event.

The Marshal Papworth Scholarship continues to excel with helping students from developing countries by providing funding for them to attend agricultural related courses in the UK.

Adoption of the Annual Accounts was proposed by the Chairman and Seconded by the Mr A H Riddington with all members in favour.

4. Election of Officers for 2018/2019**4.1 Honorary President**

The Chairman reported Rt. Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely had been invited to become the Society's President for 2018/19 and had kindly accepted.

The Rt. Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely was unanimously elected as the Society's President for 2018/2019.

The Chairman extended the Society's sincere appreciation to Mr Julian Proctor for the time, knowledge and commitment he had given during his term of office.

4.2 Members of Council

4.2.1 A list of those members who had been nominated for election or re-election to Council pursuant to the Articles of Association was noted on the agenda and had been posted on the Society's website.

The Chairman reported Messrs Andrew Cade, Charles Horrell, Geoff Martin and Mrs Jane Butt would not be standing for re-election and thanked them for the time they had devoted to the Society.

The Chairman proposed the election and re-election of the 12 Members onto Council. Seconded by Mr R Bramley and Hon. G Bowyer and with the majority in favour.

4.2.2

The Chairman reported that in accordance with Article 14.3 Mrs Anna Goodall and Mr Charles Robinson were co-opted during the past year and were standing for election.

The Chairman proposed the election of Anna Goodall and Charles Robinson onto Council. Seconded by Mr R Bramley with the majority in favour.

4.3

Auditors

The Chairman reported that in line with Standard Financial Instructions the Society's Audit, Risk and Remuneration Committee were reviewing the auditors and the appointment of auditors would be delayed until after the review.

The Chairman thanked Fiona Condron and her team, who were responsible for this year's audit, for the help they have given the Society in connection with the financial controls and audit checks.

5. Any Other Business

Questions were invited from the floor.

Mr J Tribe asked the Society to try and arrange the AGM and Council meeting dates so they did not clash with other agricultural societies show dates. The Chairman replied that every effort was made to avoid such dates however there was a required period during which to hold the Society's meeting.

Concluding the Chairman asked that his thanks were minuted to Dean Wyers and his team for the excellent maintenance of the grounds which made it a pleasure to enter the Showground.

The Chairman welcomed those Members present to remain for the following Council meeting on the proviso that if it was considered appropriate they would leave the room while an agenda point was discussed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

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