

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-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for MEMBERS of the ABOVE-NAMED COMPANY, held on WEDNESDAY 26th JUNE 2019 @ 6.30pm in the CAMBRIDGE SUITE, EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND, PETERBOROUGH

Present:

Rt Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely	President
Mr T B W Beazley	Chairman
Mr R Bramley	Vice Chairman

Mr M Andrew	Mr R Barnwell LL	Mr I Beeby	Hon. G Bowyer	Mr N Burman
Mr A Davies	Mr G Dodgson	Mr B Gotting	Mrs K Graves	Mr S Harris
Mr R Hayden MBE	Mr P Horrell	Mr M Martin	Mr T Martin	Mr J Orbell
Mr J Parrish	Mr JSG Paton	Mr S Peck	Mr C Reynolds	Mr D Reynolds OBE
Mr N Rome	Mr M Sly	Mr J Wallace	Mr P Ward	Mrs B Wheat
Mr R Wilkinson				

Honorary Vice Presidents:

Mr R Worboys Mr S Worboys

Members:

Mr J Hawksfield Mrs M Orbell Mr Stephen Papworth Mrs Jane Papworth Mr Stewart Papworth

In attendance:	Mr Q Arnold	Finance Director
	Mr R Tate	Chairman Showground Services Ltd
	Mr W Haire	Agricultural Business Development Manager
	Mr J Lunn	Venue Director, Showground Services Ltd
	Mr A Beattie	Interim Consultant
	Mrs C Pusey	SBO Consulting
	Alice Townsend	Marshal Papworth Committee member
	Mrs A Rodziewicz	Minute Taker

1. Notice Calling Meeting, Apologies for Absence

The Notice was read.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Council Members:

Mr T Arthey	Mr M Bletsoe-Brown	Mr R W Dalgliesh	Mrs A Goodall	Mr F Grounds MBE
Mr B Harris	Mr N Harris	Mr H Horrell	Mrs C Myland	Mr G Norman
Mr A Riddington	Mr C Robinson	Mr N Russell	Mr A Sharpley	Mr P Sharpley
Mr J Ward	Mr R West	Miss K Worboys		

Honorary Vice Presidents:

Sir Hugh Duberly KCVO CBE Mr J Hoy Mr D Riddington Mr B Wilkinson

Members:

Mr H Fowler	Mrs A Harris	Mr M Jenkins	Mrs G Norman	Mr J Tribe
Mrs P White	Mr R Wilson			

A minute's silence was observed for Mr Reg Coward who passed away in January.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the CEO, Jeremy Staples had stepped down as Chief Executive and on behalf of the Society wished Jeremy well for the future.

Mr Alistair Beattie was introduced to the meeting who would be acting as an Interim Consultant to assist the Society as required, including helping with the Future Strategy, the Society Business Plan, mentoring staff and any ongoing matters relating to the development of the Showground.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21st June 2018

The minutes were adopted. Proposed by Mr D Reynolds OBE, DL and seconded by Mr G J Dodgson. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Comments

Before presenting the Annual Report and Accounts for adoption the Chairman highlighted the Society's and Showground Services' highs and lows of year concluding with his thanks to all the staff for their continued commitment by delivering successful events throughout the year and maintaining the grounds throughout the recent challenging weather conditions.

3. Annual Report and Accounts

The Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2018 had been circulated to Members of the Society and posted on the Society's website with hard copies available at the meeting.

Adoption of the Annual Accounts was proposed by the Chairman and Seconded by the Mr G J Dodgson with all members in favour.

4. Election of Officers for 2019/2020**4.1 Honorary President**

The Chairman was pleased to announce that the Rt. Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely had been invited to continue as the Society's President for a further year and had kindly accepted. The Bishop's enthusiasm for what the Society is currently undertaking with all aspects of its future strategy along with his generous support for the Marshal Papworth Trust in becoming its patron, gives the Society an extremely valuable period of stability at this moment in time.

The Rt. Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely was unanimously elected as the Society's President for 2019/2020.

4.2 Members of Council

4.2.1 A list of those members who had been nominated for 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 Denis Chamberlain, James Coward, William Gee, John Goodchild, Gary Markham and Mike Martin would not be standing for re-election and thanked them for the time they had devoted to the Society. It was noted that as a Past Chairman and therefore an Honorary Life Vice President Mr Mike Martin would be free to attend future Council meetings.

The Chairman proposed the re-election of the 17 Members onto Council. Seconded by Mr T Martin and Hon. G Bowyer and with the majority in favour.

4.3 Auditors

The Chairman proposed the re-appointment of Saffery Champness as the Society's auditors for the ensuing year; seconded by Mr R Bramley and Mr S Harris.

The Chairman added the Society's thanks to those of Saffery Champness extended to the Society's FD, Mr Quentin Arnold, for producing a fine set of accounts.

5. Presentation by Alice Townsend on the Society sponsored Marshal Papworth Ghana Tour

With the aid of slides Alice Townsend gave a very enlightening and detailed presentation on the benefits of the Society's sponsored tour of Ghana to capture data. The data captured endorsed the aim of the Marshal Papworth Scholarship that the students return to their communities to implement changes and add new initiatives to benefit their communities.

6. Presentation by Hannah Darby on her Society sponsored attendance at the RASC Conference in Canada

It was noted at the beginning of the meeting that Hannah Darby was unavoidably unable to attend to give her presentation and would do so at the Society Council meeting in November.

7. Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.35pm.