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## **Annual General Meeting 2021**

### **Minutes**

**Saturday 30 January 2021 at 10:30**

Virtually in conjunction with EpicTech Media

**Lead participants:**

Craig Poxon	-	Chair
Adrian Bond	-	Vice Chair
Natasha Higman	-	Treasurer
Tony Butler	-	Chief Operating Officer
Lise Moore	-	Company Secretary

**Members virtually present:  
including staff:** Approx. 280

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Item Minute

**2** **Apologies for absence**  
None received.

**3** **Conflicts of interest**  
None received.

**4** **Minutes**  
A motion that the published draft minutes of last year's AGM held on Saturday 25 January 2020 be approved as a true record was proposed and seconded.

**Carried unanimously**

**5** **Review of 2020**  
The Chair presented his highlights of 2020, a very unusual year due to the global pandemic of Coronavirus. He stated that it had been another fatality-free year in British Skydiving. In the membership year to 31 March, there had been 4,230 full members (2019: 5,853), a year-on-year decrease of 28% largely due to the impact of Coronavirus. The Chair spoke to the strategic goals 2018-2022 and then put forward the aims for the coming year.

The Chair spoke about the Council members who were standing down from Council and welcomed the newly elected members (appendix i) He also spoke of the loss of members of staff, Sue Allen, James Potts and Marie Kent and welcomed back Meghan Sheedy.

The Mike Forge New Skydiver of the Year Trophy was awarded to Fabiola Braioni and Star awards to Eleanor Southworth, Rich Cotton and Jimmy McCarthy. A 50 years of skydiving certificate was awarded to Dave Tylcoat.

**Resolution 1 (appendix ii)**  
**majority**

**Carried with a**

**6** **Annual Report & Accounts to 30 June 2020**

The Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year to 30 June 2020 had been circulated as an insert to the December 2020 issue of *Skydive the Mag* and posted on the British Skydiving website. Adoption of the report was proposed and seconded.

***Resolution 2 (appendix ii)***  
***majority***

***Carried with a***

**7 Auditors**

A motion to confirm the re-appointment of the auditors, Haines Watts, and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration, was proposed and seconded.

***Resolution 3 (appendix ii)***  
***majority***

***Carried with a***

**8 Subscriptions: 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

Council recommended to the AGM no change in the subscription rate from last year. A full member subscription of £110.11 (comprising a British Skydiving element of £64.95 and an insurance element\* of £45.16), and a student provisional member subscription of £18.74 (comprising a British Skydiving element of £7.51 and an insurance element\* of £11.23)

The new subscription rate was proposed and seconded.

\* insurers' quotations are subject to their being no significant new claims before the start of the new membership year

***Resolution 4 (appendix ii)***  
***majority***

***Carried with a***

**9 Elected Council Members (Non-executive Directors)**

The AGM received the result of the membership's election of three Elected Members (non-executive directors). Rob Spour, Alex (Buzz) Busby Hicks and Eleanor Southworth. Full result below.

***Resolution 5 (appendix ii)***  
***majority***

***Received with a***

**10 Independent Council Members (Non-executive Directors)**

The AGM received the nominations of two Independent Non-executive Directors, Robert Hartley (1 year) and Joanne Shaw (3 years).

***Resolution 6 (appendix ii)***  
***majority***

***Received with a***

The meeting closed at 12.13 (duration 1 hr 43 mins)

Drafted 31 January 2021, for approval by the AGM on Saturday 29 January 2022

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Appendix i

**COUNCIL ELECTION RESULT:** Declared on 11 January 2021

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>	<b>Percentage*</b>	<b>Result</b>
Rob Spour	462	53.5%	Elected for 3 years
Alex (Buzz) Busby Hicks	427	49.5%	Elected for 3 years
Eleanor Southworth	332	38.5%	Elected for 3 years
Jack Davies	271	31.4%	
Kieran Brady	243	28.2%	
Ben Samuel	165	19.1%	
Jason Kelleher	113	13.1%	
Ayad Al-Tuhafi	85	9.8%	

\*Percentage of the number of members who voted for candidate

**Summary:**

Total number of ballot papers issued: 3570

Total number of members who voted: 863

Turnout: 24.2%

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Appendix ii

Results of voting from UK Engage

<b>Resolution 1</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
To receive the Chair's highlights of the British Skydiving Year 2020 and a summary of Council's future strategy			
Total Votes	321	4	12
Percentage	98.77%	1.23%	

<b>Resolution 2</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
To receive and adopt, if approved, the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2020			
Total Votes	326	4	7
Percentage	98.79%	1.21%	

<b>Resolution 3</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
To confirm the re-appointment of the Auditors, and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing financial year			
Total Votes	321	4	12
Percentage	98.77%	1.23%	

<b>Resolution 4</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
To set subscriptions payable for full and provisional members for the 12 months beginning 1 April 2021			
Total Votes	318	10	9
Percentage	96.95%	3.05%	

<b>Resolution 5</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
To receive the result of the membership's election of Elected Members of British Skydiving Council (non-executive directors) under Article 11			
Total Votes	331	3	3
Percentage	99.10%	0.90%	

<b>Resolution 6</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
To receive and vote on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee to appoint Robert Hartley for 1 year and Joanne Shaw for 3 years as Independent non-executive directors (members of British Skydiving Council) under Article 12			
Total Votes	318	6	13
Percentage	98.15%	1.85%	

Total number of ballot papers issued 3570  
 Total number of members who voted 337  
 Turnout 9.4%



Craig Poyser  
 Returning Officer  
 30 January 2021



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