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Annual General Meeting 2022

Minutes

Saturday 29 January 2022

Streamed online in conjunction with EpicTech Media

Lead participants: Craig Poxon - Chair
Mark Bayada - Vice Chair
Natasha Higman - Treasurer

Members present: Approx. 400
including staff:

Item Minute

2 Apologies for Absence

John Smyth Delegate to ISC
Paul Applegate

3 Conflicts of Interest

None received.

4 Minutes

A motion that the published draft minutes of last year's AGM held on Saturday 30 January 2021 be approved as a true record was proposed and seconded.

Carried

5 Review of 2021

The Chair presented his highlights of 2021. He started his review by recognising all those skydivers that have been lost over the year and a minute of silence was held in remembrance of them.

In the membership year to 31 March, there had been a recovery from the numbers during the pandemic but still about a thousand members less than the average prior to COVID. Tandem students seemed to have recovered very well, less so for AFF and Category Systems.

The Chair spoke about the Council members who were standing down from Council, Sam Lee, Simon Soper and Rob Spour, who stood down earlier in the year. He thanked them for all their contributions to Council and wished them well in the future. He went on to acknowledge all the hard work done by Graham Spicer on the PIMS project, who has decided to stand down and stated that Council had recognised this by bestowing on him a life membership. He went on to say that in the coming year, British Skydiving intends to recruit an IT specialist to take over from Graham and take on additional IT responsibilities.

The Chair welcomed back Adrian Bond to Council and mentioned that as there were now two vacancies on the board, volunteers with suitable skills and enthusiasm would be

appreciated. The Chair went on to introduce two members of staff who have joined the team in 2021, Nicola Hobday, our Compliance Officer and Wendy Dewbery, Finance Assistant.

A video showed sporting highlights throughout the year including national and international competitions.

He went on to give a brief resume of the work and initiatives being undertaken by the committees, working groups, individual Council members and volunteers.

When discussing Safety and Training, the Chair stated that unfortunately there had been the first skydiving fatality in three years and he expressed his condolences to her family and friends. The board of inquiry will finish and present their report in due course.

The Chair ended his review of 2021 by mentioning the strategic goals for 2018-2022 and the new strategic goals that he hoped would be developed this year and for the next five-year period.

Resolution 1 (appendix ii)

Carried with a majority

6 Annual Report & Accounts to 30 June 2020

The Chair spoke to the Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year to 30 June 2020 which had been circulated as an insert to the December 2020 issue of *Skydive the Mag* and posted on the British Skydiving website.

Resolution 2 (appendix ii)

Carried with a majority

7 To Receive the Recommendation of the Council to Appoint New Auditors

The Treasurer spoke to Resolution 3 to appoint Rowleys as our new auditors. She explained the reasoning behind the recommendation to change auditors and the criteria the Finance Committee used to make the selection for recommendation to the membership.

Resolution 3 (appendix ii)

Carried with a majority

8 Subscriptions: 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

The Treasurer spoke to Resolution 4 make a recommendation to the membership for subscriptions payable for full and provisional members from April 2022. She gave some background information regarding the reasoning for recommending no increase in the British Skydiving element of the subscriptions. She went on state that the insurance element had increased by £4.50 for a full member, and £1.12 for a provisional membership.

Resolution 4 (appendix ii)

Carried with a majority

9 Elected Council Members (Non-executive Directors)

The AGM received the result of the nominations of three Elected Members (non-executive directors). Mark Bayada, Adrian Bond, and Natasha Higman. Full result Appendix i

Resolution 5 (appendix ii)

Received with a majority

10 Independent Council Members (Non-executive Directors)

The AGM received the recommendation of Council to appoint Robert Hartley as an Independent Non-executive Directors for 3 years.

Resolution 6 (appendix ii)

Received with a majority

The meeting closed at 11.55am (duration 1 hr 09 mins) followed by the awards and medal presentation.

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Appendix i

COUNCIL NOMINATION RESULT: Declared November 2021

Candidate	Number of Votes	Percentage*	Result
Mark Bayada	N / A		Elected for 3 years
Adrian Bond	N / A		Elected for 3 years
Natasha Higman	N / A		Elected for 3 years

There was no election as there were fewer nominees than spaces available.

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Appendix ii

Results of voting from UK Engage

Resolution 1	For	Against	Abstain
To receive the Chair's highlights of the British Skydiving Year 2021 and a summary of Council's future strategy			
Total Votes	219	6	4
Percentage	97.3%	2.7%	

Resolution 2	For	Against	Abstain
To receive and adopt, if approved, the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2021			
Total Votes	222	4	3
Percentage	98.2%	1.8%	

Resolution 3	For	Against	Abstain
To confirm the appointment of the Auditors, and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing financial year			
Total Votes	217	6	6
Percentage	97.3%	2.7%	

Resolution 4	For	Against	Abstain
To set subscriptions payable for full and provisional members for the 12 months beginning 1 April 2022			
Total Votes	216	8	5
Percentage	96.4%	3.6%	

Resolution 5	For	Against	Abstain
To receive the result of the nomination of Elected Members of British Skydiving Council (non-executive directors) under Article 11			
Total Votes	223	5	1
Percentage	97.8%	2.2%	

Resolution 6	For	Against	Abstain
To receive and vote on the recommendation of the Board to re-appoint Robert Hartley for 3 years as Independent non-executive director (member of British Skydiving Council) under Article 12			
Total Votes	207	7	15
Percentage	96.7%	3.3%	

Total number of ballot papers issued 3454
 Total number of members who voted 229
 Turnout 6.63%



Craig Poyser
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