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Annual General Meeting 2023

Minutes

Saturday 28 January 2023

Streamed online in conjunction with EpicTech Media

Lead participants:

Craig Poxon	-	Chair
Mark Bayada	-	Vice Chair
Natasha Higman	-	Treasurer
Mary Barratt	-	Chair EPC

Members present: Approx. 400 (including staff)

Item Minute

- Apologies for Absence**
John Smyth Delegate to ISC
- Conflicts of Interest**
None received.
- To confirm the minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting held at EMCC Nottingham on Saturday 29 January 2022**
A motion that the published draft minutes of last year's AGM held on Saturday 29 January 2022 be approved as a true record was proposed and seconded from the floor. *Carried*
- To receive the Chair's highlights of the British Skydiving Year 2022 and a summary of Council's future strategy.**
The Chair presented his highlights of 2022. 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. The Chair then reminded all those present about Uplift (awaiting charitable status) who provide counselling and support to those skydivers experiencing mental health difficulties either through trauma or any type of addiction. The Chair also mentioned that as part of their membership subscription, all members had access to the Aviva counselling line free of charge.

Stats

During the year there had been a recovery from the numbers during the pandemic but still about a thousand members less than the average prior to COVID. Provisional membership seemed to have recovered very well and is above the average for the past twelve years.

The total number of descents is not quite back to pre-pandemic levels but is slightly above the average of the past twelve years.

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

Future Resource Planning

Tony Butler, the Chief Operating Officer, is due to retire at the end of May 2023, and so Council have taken the opportunity to review the current structure and look at other sporting NGBs to produce a model document to re-shape the Association with a CEO at the head, along with a Head of Safety, Training and Competitions and a Head of Operations and Finance. The Chair then went on to explain how the next steps would work, leading up to the recruitment of the full team.

Strategic Plan 2023 – 2027

The Chair spoke about the strategic plan that was in place from 2018 – 2022 and went on to give an outline of the strategic plan for the forthcoming 5-year period.

Good Governance

The Chair spoke about where the Association was with Good Governance. He stated that there had been several safeguarding and ethical concerns that have arisen this year. He went on to outline the work being done by our Compliance Officer, Nicola Hobday, and iterated that she has the full support of the board and staff when dealing with these matters. He went on to say that anyone who has any ethical or safeguarding concerns should report them through the compliance email address.

Annual Review

The Chair gave a very quick outline of the Annual Review which had been published. 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.

Royal Aero Club Trust Bursaries

The Chair mentioned the Royal Aero Club Trust Bursary Scheme and encouraged all those new skydivers under the age of 21 to apply. Advanced bursaries are eligible for new skydivers up to 24.

Hello and Thank You

The Chair introduced new staff Stacey Halford Jones and Liam Domin-Goddard who had joined the Association and said goodbye to Angel and Martin Shuttleworth who had left.

The Chair presented an award to Paul Applegate, who stepped down as the longest serving Council member in 2021, during the pandemic.

He went on to present awards to Liz Ashley, who steps down as the Editor of Skydive the mag after 12 years; Doctor John Carter, who steps down as our Medical Advisor after 32 years and Tony Butler, who is stepping down as COO after over 40 years' service to the Association.

The Future

Finally, the Chair gave a summary of the future projects not previously mentioned, including an independent board review, the future of the magazine, and possibly a new Chair.

The Chair then took questions from the audience.

Resolution 1

Received with a majority.

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5. **To receive and adopt, if approved, the Annual Report and Accounts for the Year ended 30 June 2022.**

The Treasurer spoke to the Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year to 30 June 2022 which had been circulated as an insert to the December 2022 issue of *Skydive the Mag* and posted on the British Skydiving website.

A proposer and seconder were received from the floor.

Resolution 2

Carried with a majority.

6. **To confirm the re-appointment of the Auditors, and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration for the forthcoming year.**

The Treasurer spoke to Resolution 3 to reappoint Rowleys as our auditors. A proposer and seconder were received from the floor.

Resolution 3

Carried with a majority.

7. **To set subscriptions payable for full and provisional members for the 12 months beginning 1 April 2023**

The Treasurer spoke to Resolution 4 to make a recommendation to the membership for subscriptions payable for full and provisional members from April 2023. The Treasurer stated that we have no control over the insurance element of the subscription, and that it had been increased due to our claim's history. She then gave some background information regarding the reasoning for proposing an increase in the British Skydiving element of the annual subscription.

	Insurance	British Skydiving	Total
Full	£53.03	£79.89	£132.92
Joint	£103.06	£139.78	£245.84
Provisional	£13.19	£9.23	£22.42
Temporary	£13.19	£10.65	£23.84

A proposer and seconder were received from the floor.

Resolution 4

Carried with a majority.

8. **To receive the result of the membership's election of Elected Members of Council under Article 11**

The AGM received the result of the nominations of five Elected Members (non-executive directors). Kate Lindsley, Mary Barratt, Craig Poxon, Wes Guest, and James Round. Full result Appendix i.

Resolution 5

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 ELECTION RESULT: Declared 20th January 2023

Name of Candidate	Number of votes	Percentage of votes	Result
Mary Barratt	427	53%	Elected for 3 years
James Convoy	149	18%	
Tony Crilly	189	23%	
Jason Fox	195	24%	
Wes Guest	310	38%	Elected for 3 years
Jake John	219	27%	
Karl Kojro	76	9%	
Kate Lindsley	498	62%	Elected for 3 years
Mike Patchett	127	16%	
Craig Poxon	373	46%	Elected for 3 years
James Round	260	32%	Elected for 1 year

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