

**Minutes of the *gain* Annual General Meeting**  
**Held on 28 October 2017 at Thoresby Hall, Ollerton**



### **1. Chairman's Welcome**

Chris Fuller welcomed everyone to the meeting. He spoke of the reality of our membership numbers falling and that most members now returned a postal vote rather than attending in person. It was felt we may attract more members next year when we have an event to coincide with the AGM. Chris also spoke about the way the charity is moving forward and the changes to the way we now operate.

Postal votes had been received and counted by independent persons prior to the meeting and the results given to the Chief Executive to open on the day.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

The following apologies were given:

Lynn Nettleton	Don Archer	Sheila Johnson
Pat Lloyd Borland	George Baker	Howard Wright
Jan Miller	Andy Leitch	Dawn Marie Todd
Anne and Ian Bennet	Paul Waine	Sir Ian Macfadyen
Prof Richard Hughes	Ann Price	James Babington Smith
Colin Wright	Graham Ferguson	Robert Welborn
Julie Wilson	Gerald Wilson	Sarah Harmer
Margaret Fuller	Jenny Willison	Adam Pownall

### **3. Receipt and adoption of the Examined Accounts for 2016-2017**

The Treasurer, David Wada, explained that the trustees had agreed to using a larger firm of charity accountants this year. He outlined the new process and details of the company. David gave an overview of the years account and confirmed that they had been signed off. A few questions seeking clarification of the accounts were raised and answered by the Treasurer. The Treasurer confirmed that the accounts had been produced and examined by the accountants in accordance with SORP and would be signed off following the adoption of the accounts by the members.

**Motion:** That the annual accounts for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 be adopted. Proposed by David Wada and Seconded by William Harmer

The result of the vote to adopt the Examined Accounts was: -

- **For - 98**
- Against - 1
- Abstentions - 1
- Spoilt paper - 1.

### **4. Receipt and adoption of the Trustees' Annual Report for 2016 – 2017**

There were no questions from the floor. There was a discussion on research and rehabilitation and how the charity was going to continue to offer grants to post graduate students to support research.

**Motion:** That the annual report for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 be adopted.  
Proposed Chris Fuller and Seconded by Lee Raynor

The result of the vote to adopt the Annual Report was: -

- **For - 98**
- Against - 1
- Abstentions – 1
- Spoilt paper - 1.

## 5. Appointment of Independent Examiner –

**Motion:** That Goodman Jones LLP of 29/30 Fitzroy Square London W1T be appointed as independent examiners for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

- **For – 97**
- Against - 0
- Abstentions - 4
- Spoilt paper - 0

## 6. Election of Trustees

The result of the vote:-

	W Harmer	D Wada	A Pownall	S McAllister	J Willison	R Sheppard	L Raynor
<b>For</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Spoilt</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

All elected on the Board of Trustees

## 7. Consideration of amendment to the Constitution

**Motion:** The Paragraph 12.4 (the list of the first trustees) be removed from the constitution.

The result of the vote was:-

- **For - 81**
- Against - 5
- Abstentions - 14
- Spoilt paper - 1

**Closing remarks:** Chris Fuller offered formal vote of thanks to Glennys Sanders for allowing the use of her name for the new office building in Sleaford. Glennys expressed her appreciation for the dedication and enthusiasm that allows the work of the charity to continue.

The meeting was closed.