

Minutes of the Lifelines Annual General Meeting- held online 8/10/22-1pm

Chaired by Edmund Conybeare

Apologies

Apologies were received from Hazel Calltain, Linda Whitby, Davina Chima, Sally Warren, Jan Arriens and Elisabeth Calvert.

Quorum

The meeting was quorate being over 5% of the Lifelines membership or 58+ Members. The number attending the AGM was 76.

Minutes of the 2021 AGM

These were approved with three abstentions. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Annual Report and Accounts

The Annual Report was published on the Lifelines website on the 23rd of September 2022. It included a review of our activities during the year and Accounts. The Independent Examiner's Report is awaited so the Annual Return can be sent to the Charities Commission.

Thank You

Lifelines members, Coordinators, the Committee and Jan Arriens were thanked for their continued dedication to the organisation.

Particular thanks was given to Nichola Glasse who retired as a Committee Member and Trustee at the AGM after two lengthy periods of service as Membership Secretary. A vote of thanks to her was proposed and heartily endorsed by those present.

Richard Helyer, who ran the US stamp shop for many years and has now stood down from the role, was also thanked for his dedicated service. Carole Butcher will temporarily assume this role until a replacement can be found.

Thanks also went to Heather Tucker who stood down as Florida State Coordinator in October 2021, handing over to Sue Drysdale.

Sincere appreciation was given to the work of everyone who had served as a State Coordinator over the last year. Anyone interested in the role should contact Carole Butcher.

The work of Regional Groups was recognised. Rachel Grieve took over as Coordinator for the Scotland Regional Group from Angela Jeffs. Fiona Newell stepped down as Coordinator for Birmingham and the Midlands, and Margaret Phelan stepped down from the SouthWest. Carole Butcher is looking for members willing to replace them. All Regional Group Coordinators who stood down or are currently serving were thanked for their work during the year.

Membership Secretary Report

Sue Drysdale read her Membership Secretary's Report and was thanked for all her hard work. There were no questions upon it.

Treasurer's Report

James Mason read his Treasurer's Report and was thanked for all his hard work. There were no questions upon it. The Annual Report and Accounts were voted upon and accepted.

Resolutions

Members had been invited through the Wing of Friendship and website to submit resolutions to the AGM. No such resolutions were received.

Election of Committee Members

Members were invited through the Wing of Friendship and website to nominate Members for election to the Committee at the AGM by 9th September 2022.

Carole Butcher, Jan Hall and Patrick Ballin retired from the Committee by rotation as required by the Lifelines Constitution but were eligible for re-election and accepted renomination. Nichola Glasse retired from the Committee and did not stand for re-election. Lindesay Mace had been co-opted onto the Committee in June 2022 and stood for election for the first time.

Carole, Jan, Patrick and Lindesay were all duly elected. Patrick decided to relinquish responsibility for Governance at the AGM and was thanked for his sterling efforts. Edmund Conybeare will assume the role.

Any Other Business relating to the AGM

There was no other business and the AGM closed at 1.30pm

