



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**BALLROOM, St GEORGE'S PARK, BURTON-UPON-TRENT
SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2017 10:30AM**

Present: A quorum of members and the Supporters Direct Board

Chair: Brian Burgess

Officer in Attendance: Ashley Brown - Chief Executive
Jo Gratrack - Secretary.

With there being a quorum present the Chair declared the meeting open.

The Chair informed the meeting about the new members web platform and that the AGM was being streamed live to members who were unable to attend.

The Chair informed the meeting that apologies had been received from Board Members: Martyn Cheney, Paul Thexton, David Little and John Alexander.

The Chair introduced to the meeting all the Board members who were present and the new Chief Executive and Secretary.

The Chair thanked Michael Frater and Andy Walker who had completed their terms of office, but had decided not to re-stand; for their contributions to SD. The Chair also advised his own position having completed his term of office and deciding not to re-stand.

The Chair finally advised that it was the intention to go through the formal business as quickly as possible in order to give sufficient time to the final discussion item.

One The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th July 2016 were submitted. It was resolved unanimously that these be agreed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Two It was noted the Annual Report and Accounts had been circulated to members ahead of the meeting.

The Chair highlighted that details of the organisation's achievements and progress could be found within the Business Review section of the Annual Report and Accounts.

The Chair reported that SD Europe had separated as agreed at the last AGM and that this had some impact on the finances in regard to reduced funding

and separation of reserves, however this had not had as significant an impact as was expected. The Board set up a separate sub-committee and sought specialist advice and although one long term member of staff had been made redundant the position currently looks secure.

It was resolved unanimously that the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2016 together with the Auditor's report therein be received and adopted.

Three It was resolved unanimously that PFK Littlejohn LLP be re-appointed auditor of the Society to hold office from the conclusion of the meeting to the conclusion of the next general meeting at which the Financial Statements are laid before the Society and the auditor's remuneration to be fixed by the Directors.

Four The meeting was asked to note the election of the following individuals as Directors of Supporters Direct.

Tim Hartley – England and Wales seat – 3 year term

John Alexander – Scotland seat – 3 year term

John Boyle – General seat – 3 year term

Stuart Fuller – General seat – 3 year term

Michael Green – General seat – 1 year term

Tom Greatrex – General seat – 1 year term

The Chair stated that he believed this was the strongest Board SD had in many years, with the exception of diversity. The Board is looking at diversity seriously and should be held to account on that as we go forward.

Five It was noted that NO member trusts had applied for, or were granted, an exemption in relation to membership fees in the financial year ended 31st December 2016.

Six It was resolved unanimously that:

The SD Board was authorised to nominate an SD representative to the FA Council as and when appropriate using a selection process determined by the Board.

To meet FA deadlines the Chair explained that the process outlined had already been completed and asked the AGM to welcome Katrina Law as the new representative for the next 12 months. The Chair suggested that Katrina should feedback on progress to the AGM next year.

Seven The Chair outlined the background and decision by the Board to make the amendment to the audit threshold for Member Trusts and this was approved.

Eight The Chair outlined the context for this resolution and Ashley and Andrew outlined the current issues for the Scotland team in securing local funding. The Chair confirmed that all Scottish Council members were in favour.

There were no questions.

It was resolved unanimously to grant the Board authority to do all things necessary to enable the formation of a locally incorporated Community Benefit Society and to determine the arrangements under which SD will be linked with this new organisation and for this to be concluded at a time to be agreed by the SDS Council and SD Board.

Nine The Chair passed over the Ashley to provide context on this item and views and questions were invited from the floor.

There being no further business the Chair declared the Meeting closed.

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