

Minutes of the 91st Annual General Meeting of the Radio Society of Great Britain

Jurys Inn, Birmingham on Saturday 21 April 2018

Opening Remarks

The meeting was opened by Steve Thomas, M1ACB, General Manager, at 12:00. He explained some 'housekeeping' notes and the arrangements for card votes.

Graham Murchie, G4FSG, Chair of the Board, confirmed that after the formal AGM a number of trophies and awards would be presented followed by a review of the year by the President, Nick Henwood, G3RWF. He also noted that after lunch there would be an informal Q&A session and three presentations.

The Chair confirmed the meeting was quorate and that apologies had been received from:

- Liz Cabban, GW0ETU
- Peter Blair, G3LTF

Agenda Item 1. To receive and accept the minutes of the 2017 AGM (Resolution 1)

The Chair asked if anyone had any comments on the accuracy of the minutes that had been circulated with the April 2018 edition of RadCom and online. There were no comments.

The Chair tabled the Board motion that the minutes be accepted. The motion was proposed by Simone Wilson, M0BOX and seconded by Richard Lamont, G4DYA. The motion was carried by a show of cards.

Agenda Item 2. To receive and consider the accounts for the 12-month period ending 31 December 2017 and the reports of the Board and the Auditors thereon.

The Chair invited the Honorary Treasurer Richard Horton, G4AOJ to present the Auditors' report.

The Honorary Treasurer proposed the report that was circulated in the April edition of RadCom be taken as read unless anyone wished it to be read out. There was no request. The Honorary Treasurer then invited questions about the Auditors' report. There were no questions.

The Chair noted that there was no requirement to lodge the accounts but the Board wished to provide Members with the opportunity to raise any questions about them.

The Honorary Treasurer outlined the broad content of the accounts and invited questions on them.

Richard Constantine, G3UGF, asked whether the investments were ethical investments. Honorary Treasurer advised that no instructions had been given to the Fund Manager about the ethical nature of any investment.

The Chair noted the requirement was to simply receive the accounts.

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Agenda Item 3. Resolution to appoint the auditors, Sayer Vincent, and to authorise the Board to fix the remuneration (Resolution 2).

The Chair explained that the Board was recommending the reappointment of Sayer Vincent for reasons of cost and continuity. He invited any questions on the resolution.

The Chair proposed the Resolution, which was seconded by Stewart Bryant, G3YSX. The motion was carried by a show of cards.

Agenda Item 4. To endorse Philip Willis, M0PHI as a Nominated Director of the RSGB to serve until the 2020 AGM (Resolution 3)

The Chair reminded Members that Professor Willis had been selected by the Society's Nominations Committee as a Nominated Board Director and has been serving as a Co-opted Board Director since April 2017. Article 33C requires that Nominated Directors are endorsed by the Membership in a secret ballot at or prior to the AGM. A ballot had been arranged and votes had been cast online. He invited the Company Secretary, Stephen Purser, GW4SHF, to announce the results. He reported that the votes cast were as follows:

For	401
Against	14

He announced that Professor Willis was therefore duly endorsed as a Nominated Director of the Society to serve until the 2020 AGM.

Agenda Item 5. Appointment of two Elected Directors (Resolution 4).

The Chair reminded the meeting that there were four candidates for the two elected Board vacancies being: Mark Jones, G0MGX; James Preece, M0JFP; Michael Senior, G4EFO and Simone Joanne Wilson, M0BOX. As there were more candidates than vacancies there had been a ballot to determine who would be elected. Votes had been cast on line and by card vote at the AGM. He invited the Company Secretary to announce the results. He reported that the votes cast were as follows:

Mark Jones, G0MGX	248
James Preece, M0JFP	83
Michael Senior, G4EFO	193
Simone Joanne Wilson, M0BOX	302

He therefore declared that Mark Jones, G0MGX and Simone Joanne Wilson, M0BOX had been duly elected as a Board Directors of the RSGB.

The Chair congratulated both the successful candidates and thanked all four candidates for having offered to serve the Society as Directors.

Agenda Item 6. Amendment to the Articles of Association (Regional Arrangements) (Special Resolution 5)

The Chair read the proposed amendment

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"To amend the Articles of Association to effect the Board's proposals to rename the Regional Managers/Regional Council Members as Regional Representatives (but retaining the arrangements for their election as at present), to transform the existing Regional Council and Leadership Team into a new body called the Volunteer Leadership Team."

The Chair advised that the amendments to the Articles were extensive and had been made available electronically since mid-March. The explanatory note giving the background to the special resolution had been published in RadCom and on the website. He invited questions about the Special Resolution. There were no questions.

The Chair proposed the Special Resolution, which was seconded by Philip Hosey, MI0MSO. The motion was carried by a show of cards.

Agenda Item 7. Amendment to the Articles of Association (Co-option of President)) (Special Resolution 6)

The Chair read the proposed amendment

"To amend the Articles of Association by the insertion at Article 33 of the following, "If the office of President is vacant, or the elected President is indisposed and unable to fulfil the role of President, the Board shall have the power to co-opt a person it considers suitable for such a period as appears to the Board to be appropriate provided that the period shall end not later than the date of the next AGM"

The Chair advised that the explanatory note giving the background to the Special Resolution had been published in RadCom and on the website. He invited questions about the Special Resolution. There were no questions.

The Chair proposed the Special Resolution, which was seconded by Ian Brothwell, G4EAN. The motion was carried by a show of cards.

Closing Remarks

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The Chair noted that the business of the AGM was concluded and thanked those present for their contributions. The AGM was closed at 12:22.