



RSGB Annual General Meeting

23 April 2022 at 12:00 noon - online

The 95th Annual General Meeting of the Radio Society of Great Britain was held on 23 April 2022 and streamed live on our website and other online platforms.

Steve Thomas, M1ACB, the General Manager and Company Secretary, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone joining online:

The format of this online Annual General Meeting was agreed by the Board of the Radio Society of Great Britain in March 2022. The Calling Notice, Previous Minutes and Election details were published in the April 2022 edition of *RadCom* and on the Society's website at www.rsgb.org/agm together with the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Ian Shepherd, G4EVK, Board Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting:

The President, Dr Stewart Bryant, G3YSX, the General Manager and Company Secretary, Steve Thomas, M1ACB and the Honorary Treasurer, Chris Wood, GD6TWF contributed to the meeting.

Also joining the online meeting were members of the Board, senior members of staff and Elections Officer Stephen Purser, GW4SHF.

Apologies for absence were received from Dave Wilson, M0OBW, Director.

- **Resolution 1:** To receive and, if approved, confirm the Minutes of the 94th Annual General Meeting held on 24 April 2021 and circulated to Members in the April 2022 *RadCom*.

Motion proposed by Dr Stewart Bryant, G3YSX and seconded by Len Paget, GM0ONX.

Motion carried 114/1

- To receive and consider the accounts for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 and the reports of the Board and the Auditor that were available online from 23 March 2022:

The Honorary Treasurer noted that the auditors' report, together with the statutory financial statements and other AGM material, were published online.

The Chair noted that there was an unqualified audit, which is what we would expect.

The Honorary Treasurer gave a brief summary of the accounting period 2020.

The Society maintains a strong financial position and it reported slightly lower revenues of £1,437,000 compared to £1,441,000 in 2020.

In 2020 the Society saw a growth in membership driven by people finding new hobbies in lockdown; these new Members have largely been retained in 2021. Government restriction across the United Kingdom and elsewhere has meant very low travel costs as internal meetings have been held virtually



and shows have been cancelled. In addition, stock markets have recovered meaning the unrealised surplus on investments has increased.

The Society holds a portfolio of medium risk investments which is used to improve returns, compared to bank deposits, on assets to support operations. In late 2021, after taking independent financial advice, the Board decided to invest a further £250,000. This additional investment is being phased on a monthly basis and will be complete by June 2022.

During the year the Society invested £156,000 into computer equipment. Included in this is £138,000 of investment in a new Customer Relationship Management system. The Customer Relationship Management is the membership database and back-office system of the Society. It replaces a system that had reached end of life and over time the new system will allow the Society to improve services to Members.

The Society did not apply for nor receive any government assistance in relation to the pandemic and continued to pay its suppliers on normal terms. No borrowings were incurred.

The net assets of the Society at 31 December 2021 were £1,526,000 compared to £1,425,000 at 31 December 2020.

Duly received

- **Resolution 2:** To appoint Peters, Elworthy and Moore as auditors and to authorise the Board to fix their remuneration.

Motion proposed by Richard Horton, G4AOJ and seconded by Jonathan Groves, M0VRI.
Motion carried 118/1

- **Resolution 3:** To endorse Jonathan Groves, M0VRI and Richard Horton, G4AOJ, as Nominated Directors of the RSGB to serve until the 2025 AGM.

The Articles require that Nominated Directors are endorsed by the Membership in a secret ballot on or before the AGM [Article 33c]. Jonathan Groves, M0VRI and Richard Horton, G4AOJ were recommended to the Board as Nominated Directors by the Nominations Committee in January 2022. The Board accepted the recommendation at its meeting of 15 January 2022 and Jonathan Groves, M0VRI and Richard Horton, G4AOJ, were offered for endorsement in accordance with the Articles.

In accordance with the Society's Bylaws voting was conducted electronically by Civica Election Services. Election Officer, Stephen Purser, GW4SHF announced the results of the ballot:

Jonathan Groves, M0VRI, was **duly endorsed** with 109 votes for and 8 against.
Richard Horton, G4AOJ, was **duly endorsed** with 105 votes for and 10 against.

Duly endorsed.



The Chair announced that there had also been two vacancies for Elected Directors. Only one candidate, Tony Miles, MM0TMZ achieved the required number of nominations so was elected unopposed.

Duly elected.

On behalf of the Board, the Chair congratulated Jonathan, Richard and Tony and welcomed them to the Board.

The Chair announced that there had been Regional Representative vacancies for eight Regions (Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10). The following were elected unopposed and their appointments were due to start after this AGM.

Region 01, Tony Miles, MM0TMZ
Region 02, Jim Campbell, MM7BIW
Region 03, Derek Hughes, G7LFC *
Region 04, Ian Bowman, G7ESY
Region 05, Neil Yorke, M0NKE
Region 08, Dave Parkinson, 2I0SJV
Region 09, Ron White, G6LTT
Region 10, Keith Bird, G4JED

* Derek Hughes, G7LFC had decided not to take up his role as Regional Representative in Region 3, so we will advertise for a co-option into this role until the next AGM.

On behalf of the Board, The Chair congratulated all those who will be taking up their roles after the AGM and welcomed them to the Regional Team.

That concluded the Annual General Meeting.
The Chair thanked everyone for contributing to the meeting.

The event concluded with:

- Presidential Review of 2021, presented by Dr Stewart Bryant, G3YSX
- The announcement of Trophies and Awards for 2021
- The announcement of the Construction Competition winners

- A presentation about the Meteor Beacon Project by Brian Coleman, G4NNS

The event was streamed live via the Society's website and various social media channels.
www.rsgb.org and www.youtube.com/theRSGB