



ABTSI AGM

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 11.30am

Held virtually via Zoom

Present: See attached Attendance list

**1. Welcome and Apologies.**

Pete McDill (Chair) welcomed everyone to the AGM and informed the attendees how the meeting would run. Apologies were received from Jean Moffat, Louise Reid from Tiree Development Trust, Carol Graham from Versus Arthritis and Julie Semple from Bute Advice Centre.

The chair noted 10 proxy votes had been received.

**2. Chair's Address.**

The Chair summarised progress of the TSI in the year, referring to items from within the 2019/20 annual report. He specifically highlighted the provision of surgery support in remote and rural areas and the engagement with the sector through events, mailings, and website communication. PM talked about the new volunteering portal set up in March 2020 and a special mention was given to Samantha Stubbs from the TSI for her outstanding work and achievements in this respect. PM went on to mention the departure of 2 senior managers in the year and how the new team went on to develop a new set of organisational values that were launched in February 2020. PM finished his address looking to the future and to forthcoming initiatives from the TSI.

PM opened the room up for discussion, Heather Grier queried whether the 2 senior managers had been replaced and how that had affected the accounts. PM explained that the posts had not been directly replaced and as a result of a restructure, a saving had been made. KM explained that there has been a drop in staff from 32 in 2018 to 6 by the end of March 2021, due to historical projects ending and the focus of the TSI being only on core work. . KM also advised that overheads had been cut and a reduction in costs had been made in order to achieve a balanced budget for 2021/22.

### **3. Minutes of 2018/19 AGM held 22/9/2020.**

The minutes of this meeting were proposed by Heather Grier and seconded by Cathy Proctor. The minutes were approved by members.

### **4. Treasurer's report and Presentation of Accounts.**

John Stevens, Treasurer, introduced the accounts for year ending 31st March 2020. He explained that there had been a smooth audit process with the newly appointed auditors Martin Aitken & Co. JFS confirmed that there were no issues in the accounts requiring to be highlighted to members. Income for the year was £521,807 and expenditure was £469,376 with a surplus of £52,341 for the year. JFS explained that the Income and Expenditure are both less than previous years due to project activity declining. The TSI has £373,495 in reserves, meaning the organisation would be able to sustain current operations for just over 9 months. JFS confirmed the accounts are healthy for 2019/20 and position going forward is also looking healthy.

Heather Grier queried whether accounting is outsourced rather than being carried out internally. KM advised that accounting has been outsourced since 2018. The TSI is anticipating a reduction in the costs of its accounting service from 2021/22. Heather then queried the level of risk with Scottish Government Funding being only income. KM stated this is an enormous risk as the decision to move away from project delivery leaves the TSI solely reliant on SG funding at present.

### **5. Adoption of Accounts.**

The accounts were proposed by John Stevens and seconded by Heather Grier. Members approved the adoption of the accounts.

### **6. Appointment of Auditors.**

JFS reported that due to the successful audit from the newly appointed Martin Aitken & Co, he would be recommending their appointment continues. Moray Finch queried whether there had been feedback from Wyllie & Bissett after losing the contract with the TSI. KM advised that W&B had declined to receive feedback and the TSI were not given the opportunity to provide W&B feedback on issues that arose during the contract.

John Stevens proposed the continuing appointment of Martin Aitken & Co as auditors and this was seconded by Lorna Ahlquist. Members approved the appointment of Martin Aitken as the TSI's auditors for 2020/21.

### **7. Election of Directors.**

Jean Moffat stepped down from the Board and was not seeking re-election. Pete thanked her for her service on the board.

Lorna Ahlquist stepped down from the Board and was seeking re-election. Lorna gave a brief update on her involvement with the sector and why she was seeking re-election. PM proposed the re-election of Lorna Ahlquist to the board and this was seconded by Heather Grier. Members re-elected Lorna Ahlquist to the Board.

## **8. Chair closing remarks.**

The Chair advised that AGM's were now up to date after the unexpected delays with COVID, with the 2020/21 AGM to be held in December 2021.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance, emphasising how grateful the TSI is for member attendance at AGM's and the ongoing support of the TSI.

### **List of Attendees**

Pete McDill – TSI Chair and Board Member, Cowal Combined Services Club

John Stevens – TSI Treasurer and Board Member

Lorna Ahlquist- TSI Board Member

Nicola Porciani – TSI Board Member

John Sharp –TSI Board Member

Kirsteen Murray – TSI

Lauren Martin – TSI and Chair, Clyde Cottage Nursery

Samantha Stubbs – TSI and Chair, Patchwork Nursery

Nicola Hackett – Live Argyll

Cathy Proctor – Cowal Dog Training

Christine Bell – Crossroads

Heather Grier – Strachur Hub

Hugh McLean – LOHO

Jo Bowden – LAAS

Joan Stewart – Shopper-aide

Margaret Wallace – Kintyre Sea Sports

Moray Finch – MICT

Sarah Murray – RVS

Hayley Cochrane – Key Housing

Karlyn Marshal – Helensburgh Art Hub

Alan MacRaid – Interloch Transport

Morvain Martin – Garelochhead Station Trust

Sarah Murray – Royal Voluntary Service

Anne Robertson – Hub grub

Anne McChesney – Blairmore Village trust