



MINUTES OF THE 43RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SMBP 44 ASSOCIATION

Held in the Shell Campus, London on 26th May 2022.

The Secretary opened the meeting at 17:00 by welcoming the 42 members and guests. Several apologies were received including Miss Greta Chandler who sent her apologies for missing her first meeting (which also coincided with a significant birthday).

The Chairman then acknowledged this being the first physical AGM since 2019 and the difficult times we have all experienced since then. He particularly welcomed Haydn Jones, representing our sponsors in Shell, and sent best wishes to Roy Waight, the Chair of the SPBA who was unable to attend due to illness.

2019 MINUTES

The Chairman asked for these to be adopted. Mr Les Bater proposed their adoption and Mr Colin Bowkley seconded it. There was unanimous vote from members to approve them.

HON TREASURER'S REPORT

There is virtually no earned income now that we have ceased selling diaries. We have approx. £1,000 in stocks of birthday cards and stamps. The balance in National Savings & Investments account remains the same at £5,535 but we have had difficulty getting updated statements from them. He said we will need to liquidate our savings to maintain working capital.

The 2021 accounts were adopted by the meeting with Mr. Charles Madge as Proposer and Mr. Peter Reynolds as Seconder.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. AUDITOR

Mr. Les Bater was re-appointed with a unanimous vote.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reflected on the organisation inevitably waning and reported that 643 members had died since 2019. He went on to name some of those who had passed whose contribution to the 44 Club was notable. He said that all 643 would be remembered fondly.

He went on to give recognition to Paddy Briggs for his contribution to the 44 Club News, particularly through the periods of lockdown. Responding Paddy commented:

- The magazine is very much a reflection of the resilience of the 44 Club.
- He talked of the production of the recent 172nd edition, full of unashamed nostalgia.
- He is willing to continue as editor and that it was an honour to put it together.
- He asked for more stories, memories and photographs.
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The Chairman thanked Paddy for his invaluable work.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

All members of the Executive Committee were unanimously re-elected.

With no Any Other Business, the Chairman acknowledged our reliance on the Secretary for his continuing stalwart efforts including the organisation of this AGM and its associated reunion celebrations. In order to start those he closed the meeting at 17:30.