

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW HELD ON 1 MAY 2020 via Zoom

Present:

Chair – Jonathan Cope

Vice-Chair - Jonathan Pawlowski

Treasurer – Shy Jackson

Administrator - Jill Ward

1. Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held on 1 May 2019 were approved by the members, proposed by Shy Jackson and seconded by Paul Battrick.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman circulated a written report which is also attached.

3. Presentation of Accounts for Approval

Shy Jackson formally presented the accounts for year ending 31 December 2019.

Shy highlighted that again this year the Income exceeded expenditure. The accounts were formally accepted by the members. Proposed by Jonathan Pawlowski and Seconded by Karen Gough. Shy advised that due to the current Covid 19 circumstances the accountants could not sign off on the accounts. However it was thought it would be advisable to seek members approval on the accounts in readiness for when the situation changes. Therefore the accounts were proposed by Jonathan Pawlowski and seconded by Karen Gough.

4. Appointment of Auditors and Re-appointment of Book Keepers and Accountants

McKenzies and RSM UK were formally proposed and accepted as book keepers and accountants for the current financial year. Both firms were also reappointed for the forthcoming year.

RSM Proposed by Paul Battrick and Seconded by Sean Gibbs. McKenzies Proposed by Karen Gough and Seconded by Christopher Ennis.

Jonathan Cope expressed his thanks to Claire Packman for her input in the E&D policy and the work she has done on the Advocacy Course. Jonathan also expressed his thanks to Ronan Champion for his help in shaping the society and for his outstanding contribution.

5. Elections

The Chairman explained that there were 6 vacancies on council and 7 members had put themselves forward for election. Each who were present gave a short sixty second speech.

Sean Gibbs – present
Karen Gough – present
Keith Kirkwood – present
Amy Lacey – present
Gary Peters – present
Andrew Singer QC – present
Sarah Williams – not present

Highlighted members were successful, the results were advised to the candidates on Wednesday morning.

6. AOB

Both Karen Gough and Christopher Ennis were keen to give a vote of thanks to Jonathan Cope for his two successful years as SCL Chair.

Jonathan Cope thanked all on council for their support plus the administrators. Finally, he wanted to thank his wife for her support over the past two years and his business partner.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

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