



AGM Minutes 2016
The Hall Get Involved Ltd
Thursday 6th October 2016
Exeter Street Hall, 16-17 Exeter Street, BN1 5PG

1. Members Present

A register of attendees was taken. The number of voting Member attendees was 50 at the start of the AGM. Additionally, 3 proxy votes were received. The AGM was quorate.

Directors present: David Amor, Marianne Craig, Susan Corlett and apologies from David Fellows.

Chair: David Amor opened the AGM at 7.10pm.

1.1 Approval of Minutes

Paper copies of the Minutes were distributed to attendees, having previously been available on the website. There were no matters arising from the Minutes. A resolution to approve the Minutes was proposed by David Amor and seconded by Susan Corlett.

The Minutes were approved. 54 approved (3 by proxy) and 1 abstention.

2. Presentation of the Directors' Report

Paper copies of the report were distributed to attendees, having previously been available on the website. David Amor, explained the broad financial situation.

Susan Corlett then spoke about activities which go on in the hall, including regular activities, private hires and public events. The Hall was a venue at the Brighton Fringe Festival. There are also low cost and occasional free hire activities. Although the Hall is busy, there are issues including term time only hirers; lack of soundproofing; no corridor for separate access.

Marianne Craig then spoke about fundraising events. £27.5K has been raised over last three years by holding events. The challenge for the Team is maintaining the momentum of putting on events.

Amanda Nichols spoke about the progress of the Building Team. Most of the Team work fulltime so daytime workers are needed especially during the summer closedown period. A lot of behind the scenes work has been going on eg gas works, PAT testing, as well as removing the false ceiling in the kitchen. There is lots still to do, installing a corridor and improving accessibility are the current focus. The planned works are dependent on large scale grants. We have a 1:10 success rate with grants so a lot of work goes into securing those we do receive.



A resolution to approve the Directors' Report was proposed by David Amor and seconded by Susan Corlett.

The Directors' Report was approved unanimously (57 votes, 3 by proxy).

3. Presentation of the Financial Report

Paper copies of the Financial Report were distributed to attendees, having previously been available on the website. The Treasurer Jo Camplisson presented the Financial Report, summarising the published accounts and explained the balance sheet as at 31st March 2016. She also explained the income and expenditure account for the year to 31 March 2016 and presented the detailed items of income and expenditure therein. The Hall made a small deficit of around £1000.

The following question from Members was answered:

Q: what are 'subscriptions'?

A: This refers to the payments we have to make to the Financial Conduct Authority and the Performing Rights Society

A resolution to approve the Financial Report was proposed by David Amor and seconded by Susan Corlett.

The Financial Report was approved unanimously (57 votes, 3 by proxy).

4. Appointment of Auditors

David Amor explained the option to have the accounts internally inspected and signed off as being correct, before being presented to the AGM for Members' approval. Alternatively the annual accounts can be externally audited at a cost up to £2,000.

A resolution to not externally audit the accounts was proposed by David Amor and seconded by Susan Corlett.

The option to not externally audit the accounts 2015-2016 was approved unanimously (57 votes, 3 by proxy).

5. Amendment to Rules 15, 7.2, 16A.7 and 31.3

Dexter Coombe explained why these Rule amendments are recommended: the original share offer document stated that interest would not be paid on shares but the existing Rules state that interest might be paid. Unfortunately that statement is stopping grants being potentially awarded. The Rules affected are 15, 7.2, 16A.7 and 31.3. Dexter Coombe explained each recommended Rule change in detail. The recommended Rule changes were also previously available on the website.

The following questions from Members were answered:

Q; can we change the rules, get the grant and change back?

A: Technically yes but we would not seek to do that.

Q: who was the grant giver?

A: Veolia waste company.

Q: can we resubmit this year?



A: Yes Veolia grant gives sit in December so will resubmit as soon as possible.

A resolution to amend Rules 15, 7.2, 16A.7 and 31.3 to remove the option for THGI Ltd to pay interest on shares was proposed by David Amor and seconded by Susan Corlett
Amendment to Rules was approved unanimously (56 votes, 3 by proxy).

6. Appointment of Directors

Current directors are: David Amor – Chair, Susan Corlett, Marianne Craig, David Fellows.

David Amor explained that under Rule 18 one third of all Directors must stand down at the AGM, in order of the Directors who have held office the longest. As there are 4 directors, 2 must stand down.

Continuing Director is David Fellows

Directors standing down and seeking re-election are:
Marianne Craig and
Susan Corlett

Directors standing down and not seeking re-election are David Amor.

Members standing for election as new Directors are:
Norman Wright (nominated by David Fellows and Marianne Craig) and
Jo Camplisson (nominated by David Amor and Susan Corlett).

All nominations for Directors were approved unanimously (53 votes, 3 by proxy).

Re-organisation:

The Management Committee have agreed Susan Corlett as Chair

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7. What Next?

Susan Corlett thanked David Amor for chairing the committee, in particular for implementing the text voting which secured the £50K grant from The People's Millions.

The Management Committee have looked at some wider aims for the coming year – balancing the books, engaging with the community, working with stake holders and doing what we do, only better. She then spoke about how Members can help – the Hall needs more volunteers. Marianne Craig then spoke about Friends of the Hall donation scheme.



8. AOB

None.

9. Thanks to the Community & Refreshments

David Amor handed over to his successor – Susan Corlett is the new chair of the Management Committee and gave thanks to everyone who attended and all those who get involved with the Hall.

Formal AGM closed at 8.20pm. Informal Q&A continued.

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