

African Oyster Trust
Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting
Sunday 16th October 2022 15:00 hrs
On Zoom

James Holden welcomed all to the meeting.

Attendees: James Holden, Kira Dalton, Steve Emery, Josh Dale-Harris, Maggie Maybury, Laura Holden, Gill Evans, Jonathan Evans, Karen Stirling, Alan Dick, Lorna Dick, Isabelle van Gruting, Marc Sanderson, Patricia Morokoff, Jan Pritchard, Roz Hobley

Apologies: Andrew Bailey, Janet Mason, John Mason, Eva Sabin, Susan Brown, Kemo Bah, Shirley Cherry, Claire Bridge, Nigel Powell, Aris Harrison-Price.

The Minutes of the 2021 AGM

These had been emailed to all on 7th October 2022 and were approved by the meeting (proposed by Kira Dalton, seconded by Maggie Maybury).

Gill Evans is standing down as Secretary and said a few words of thanks and appreciation. Kira and James thanked Gill for her endeavours. Kira will be delivering a goody bag to Gill next week as a token of her appreciation.

James Holden is standing down as Chair. He thanked the people who have supported the African Oyster Trust since its inception. Laura Holden said a few words. Kira will be delivering a goody bag to James and collecting all the paperwork pertaining to the Charity.

At this point James Holden handed over control of the AGM to Kira Dalton. Kira thanked James Holden for all his work as Chair and Gill Evans for her work as Secretary.

Election of New Trustee – Maggie Maybury

All were in favour of Maggie Maybury becoming an AOT Trustee (proposed by Kira Dalton, seconded by Steve Emery).

Kira Dalton's Report on Activities in The Gambia

Kira's Report had been emailed to all on 7th October 2022. Kira said the reason she previously felt unable to be Chair of AOT was due to her spending a greater amount of time out of the UK than in. She explained Josh Dale-Harris has agreed deputise for her and will have authority to act in the best interests of AOT in her absence, should the need arise, he also has signing rights on various accounts.

Kira went on to explain that at their recent AGM GSS (Gambian School Support) agreed to take over responsibility for all four of AOT's nursery schools. This would mean GSS will manage and fund these schools. Consequently, AOT will be free to concentrate on managing and funding the three health centres

Kira went on to highlight a few other points from her report and emphasised the importance of leaving a legacy to AOT in Wills.

The report and recommendations were approved (proposed by Kira Dalton, seconded by Maggie Maybury).

Accounts Y/E 31st December 2021

Steve's Report and Summary had been emailed to all on 7th October 2022. Steve took us through the figures. Josh Dale-Harris had a question regarding donations which Steve replied to.

The Accounts were approved (proposed by Alan Dick, seconded by Steve Emery).

Reappointment of Independent Examiner

Steve said Brockhurst Davies were doing a very good job whilst remaining competitive. The company was reappointed unanimously by the meeting (proposed by Steve Emery, seconded by Maggie Maybury).

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1. Josh Dale-Harris spoke about the recent GSS AGM wherein unanimous support was given to adopt the four AOT nursery schools. He assured us that all the schools run by GSS will be treated equally.

2. Isabelle van Gruting said she and some friends were investigating the setting up of a Foundation to support the three AOT health centres. They are looking into how to allow for tax deductible donations as this is important to people in the Netherlands.

The formal part of the meeting closed at 16:00 hrs.