



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2009 at
The Milestones Museum, Basingstoke, commencing at 5.00 pm**

1. ATTENDANCE

Board members:

Ann Hayes
Andrew Syrett (Treasurer)
Owen Jell
Jo White (Chair)
Felix Lozano

Proposed Board member:

Jean Nunn Price

There were 13 other attendees.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked the co-operatives who had agreed to host stands at the Trade Fair. She continued that the date for the AGM had been brought forward so that the financial information for the year ending 2008 could be discussed soon after the accounts were finalised, keeping the information current.

3. 2008 AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held on 24th November 2008 were received and noted. They were proposed and seconded as an accurate record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

3. ANNUAL REPORT 08/09

The Chair referred to key matters contained in the 2008/09 Annual Report, copies of which were available at the meeting. She thanked the Board members for their work during the last year.

Dennis Hayes asked for clarification on why there were so few people in attendance, suggesting it may have been because people did not know why they should attend or in what capacity. He said there were a lot of similar organisations around the region and suggested it may be more effective to reduce the number and give clarification on the role of Co-operatives^{SE} which may result in more people attending the next AGM. JW said she hoped the survey results given at the end of the meeting would answer a lot of the questions raised.

Amanda from Just Trading of Wallingford asked for clarification of Co-operatives^{SE}'s role. JW said it was an umbrella organisation for co-operatives and co-operative enterprises and acted as a voice on their behalf.

The Chair expressed thanks to The Co-operative Fund, Midcounties Co-operatives and Co-operatives^{UK} for their continued financial support and the Annual Report was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

4. SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The special resolution, proposed by Owen Jell, was to replace existing clause 35 of the Mem & Arts which states:

35. The Board may at any time co-opt any Member of the Co-operative to fill a casual vacancy in the Board. A casual vacancy shall exist when the number of members of the Board is less than the number elected at the last held Annual General Meeting.

with the following

35. The Board may at any time co-opt any Member of the Co-operative to fill a casual vacancy in the Board. A casual vacancy shall exist when the number of members of the Board is less than the number allowed under clause 30.

A vote was held on the special resolution with all in favour and the resolution was carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer circulated a summary of the 08/09 accounts which showed a profit of £450 for the year with reserves of £13k. The two largest expenditure items were the 2008 AGM and the research project. He confirmed that the reserves were held in the bank as cash assets. Jean Nunn Price of Midcounties Co-operatives asked which Bank. The treasurer confirmed the money was held in a community account with Co-operative Bank.

The Treasurer proposed the accounts be accepted by the meeting and this was seconded. The Chair thanked the Treasurer for his work on the accounts.

6. NOMINATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Chair reported that nominations for positions on the Board of Co-operatives South East had been received from the following existing Board members:

- Chris Funnell
- Ann Hayes
- Owen Jell
- Felix Lozano
- Andrew Syrett
- Jo White.

Jo thanked Mike Tiller for his work on the Board over the past year.

The Chair invited additional nominations which were received from:

Di Bateman from Midcounties Co-operative Society
Jean Nunn-Price from the Midcounties Co-operative Society

Both were confirmed as Board Members and welcomed and the Chair confirmed that there were still additional places available should anyone else wish to join.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ann Hayes tendered apologies for Marilynne Burbage who was unable to attend.

There was no further business and the Chair formally closed the AGM.