



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting The Brighthelm Centre, Brighton on Thursday 12th October 2017

1. Attendance

Board members:

Nathan Brown (NB) *Chair*
Rebecca Luff (RL)
Brian Morley (BM)
Dhara Thompson (DT)

Members:

Chris Crookall-Fallon - Co-operative Futures (CCF)
Dexter Bailey - Infinity Foods Workers Co-operative Ltd (DB)

Non Members:

Kathy O'Keeffe - Business and Communications Manager

2. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Apologies were received from Jude Feeney.

3. 2016 AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held on 11th October, 2016 were received and noted. It was proposed they be accepted by NB and seconded by BM and agreed unanimously as an accurate record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

4. Annual Report & Accounts 2016/17

The Annual Report and Accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. BM thanked KO for producing the report and KO thanked former Treasurer Andy Syrett who had compiled the accounts. The members present agreed that the accounts did not need to be audited. NB proposed that the report be accepted, this was seconded by DT. All were in favour.

DT queried the difference in cost of the events between the two years and KO explained this was because more events had been held in 2016.

Funds received totalled £2,000 from Midcounties and they were thanked for their support. The year ended on a loss of £2,716 and reserves stood at £10,106 at the end of March 2017.

There were no other questions from the floor.

5. Nomination of Board Members

Rebecca Luff had been co-opted to the Board in 2016 but formal appointment was deferred at the last AGM as she had not been able to attend. BM nominated RL as a Board Member and this was agreed unanimously.

Jude Feeney, Nadiya Donovan and Nathan Brown stood down from the Board. DB volunteered to join the Board, BM proposed he be appointed and this was seconded by DT. All were in favour. Wave had also expressed an interest in becoming a director and Felix Lozano (FL) and Francesca Roy (FR) were nominated. Appointment was proposed by DT and seconded by BM. CCF noted that having two members of one co-operative could be seen as an imbalance but NB said that the organisation allowed for individual members and it was unlikely both would be able to attend at the same time.

The Board now comprises Brian Morley, Dhara Thompson, Rebecca Luff, Dex Bailey, Felix Lozano and Francesca Roy.

It was confirmed that meetings would continue with a rolling Chair. RL volunteered to be Treasurer this was agreed by all. KO handed over the security fob and login details. **Action: KO to forward the PIN number when received from Nadiya Donovan.** It was agreed to make the changes to bank signatories before changing the security fob over.

6. Continuation of CSE

The Chair reported that funding from Midcounties had ceased after the 2017 payment and no further income was envisaged.

A discussion was held at the conference and it was agreed that the organisation did have a future. The Board welcomed the comments and suggestions made at the meeting. It was likely the format would be an annual conference but it was agreed to discuss this further at a teleconference to be held in early December. **Action: KO to organise.**

CCF asked if the organisation would be run down over the next 18 months or whether it had been considered to run the organisation as a service company providing back office services to its members. NB said that had never been part of the business model or intention, it was more around co-operative development. CCF said good planning was necessary if the organisation was going to wind down.

8. Any Other Business

Action: DT to add DB/FL/FR onto the Loomio account. Action: KO to send him their email addresses. DT thanked NB, ND and JF for their contribution to CSE over the years.

There was no further business and the Chair thanked everyone for attending. .

The meeting closed at 15.50