



Minutes of the ACFAA Annual General Meeting held on 17th May 2023 at Jardin de Cadix, Eymet

Present

Bureau: Mme RILEY, Claire (President); M MOREAU, Michel (Vice President); Mme CLOUGH, Nicole (Treasurer); M GODFREY, Alan (Secretary)

Committee: Mme LACK, Nicola; Mme BLACKMAN, Sally; Mme O'MEARA (Membership Secretary), Wendy; Mme SUMNER, Christine; Mme WATKINS-YOUNG Elisabeth .

Apologies: Margaret & David Cowan, Christine & Vivian Rich, Anne Lewis, Doris Smith-Rolli, Andy Smith, Liz & Brian Berks, Sue Miller, Caroline & Charles Bethune, Sue Temperley, Florence Simmons, Colin Goodall

Members: 33

Minutes of last AGM

The Minutes of the 2022 AGM, published to members on 29/04/2023 on the ACFAA web site, were approved by the meeting.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

President's Report

The President reported on the growth of the Association to more than 600 members. A recent survey of members had provided the Committee with a valuable source of ideas for the development of ACFAA activity. The Committee had recently undertaken a review of the Association's aims and objectives to ensure that they reflect the growing international element of its membership and to reflect its continued work within the local community. The President thanked the Committee, Group Leaders and Language Tutors, and the Mairie of Eymet for their continued support. Because of increasing costs, the Committee had taken the decision to increase membership fees from 1st September 2023 to 15 euros, and would be introducing a tariff for couples at 25 euros. Half yearly membership will be 8 and 13 euros respectively. Concessionary membership (student, 75 years and over) remains unchanged. Finally the President noted the sad news of the death of Ian Cockrill. There were no questions arising.

Language Class Coordinator's Report

The report of the Language Class Coordinator was published to the web site on 29/04/2023 and displayed to members on information boards in the meeting room. There were no questions arising.

Accounts for 2022

The financial report for the period January 2022 to December 2022 was presented to the meeting by the Treasurer. Mme Clough explained the Association was in a stable financial position thanks to the growth in membership and strong member participation in ACFAA groups and activities. However cost increases arising from wider cost of living pressures would be reflected in the Association's expenses in the coming year. Donations to charities during the year were highlighted. There being no questions from members present, the Treasurer invited the meeting to approve the accounts of the Association; The accounts were approved by a show of hands. **Accounts for 2022 Approved**

Social Committee Report

The report was published to the web site on 29/04/2023 and information displays were available to members present at the meeting. The President welcomed Sue Allen and Danielle Mattiuzzo as members of the Social Committee. There were no questions arising.

Membership Secretary's Report

The report was published to the web site on 29/04/2023. The membership secretary, Mme O'Meara, explained that the Association had 244 new members in the year, and that membership now exceeded 600 people from 17 different countries. Mme O'Meara thanked the members of the Social Committee for their work on behalf of the Association, and thanked members for their participation in ACFAA's programme. There were no questions arising from the membership report.

Election of Secretary

The President informed the meeting that Alan Godfrey had completed his term of office as Secretary. She thanked M Godfrey for the significant contribution he had made to the Association during his involvement in the Committee. M Godfrey thanked the Committee and other members for their help and support over the years. Mme Elisabeth Watkins-Young was proposed by M Godfrey, seconded by M Moreau, as the Association's new Secretary. Members voted to approve this appointment. **Mme Watkins-Young approved as Secretary.**

Election of Committee places

In accordance with Clause 5 of Internal Rules nominations for Committee were invited from the membership; no nominations were received. Mme Abbey Britton had retired from the Committee. Existing committee member Mme Blackman was standing for re-election, nominated by Mme Avril Parsons-Barr and seconded by M John Barr. Mme Blackman's re-election to the Committee was approved by the meeting. **Mme Blackman re-elected to Committee**

Internal Rules

The Secretary explained that Committee were seeking approval to revise the Association's Internal Rules. The changes relate to the new fee structure, described by the President in her report, which is required in response to increasing costs being faced by the Association. A draft of the updated Internal Rules had been published to the web site on 29/04/2022. There were no questions from the floor and the updated Internal Rules were approved. **Internal Rules 2023 approved**

Report of Group Activities

Reports of Group activities had been published to the web site on 29/04/2023. Other reports were provided verbally to the meeting by: Tim Richardson on the Atelier Group, John Simmons on the Meditation Group and the Photography group, Polly Fellows on the Line Dancing Group. There were no questions arising.

Any Other Business

No other business was discussed. The meeting closed at 18h05.

Mme RILEY, Claire
Présidente

Mme WATKINS-YOUNG, Elisabeth
Secrétaire

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