

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

30th October 2021

via Zoom & in person at Guides Hall, Coram's Fields, London WC1N 1DN

## Attending in Person

**Trustees:** Tim Fell (Chair), Joanna Gaukroger (Vice Chair), Gary Barth (Treasurer), Christine Simpson, Betony Kelly, Neil Morjaria, Naheem Bashir. **Staff:** Jane Powell (CEO), Steven Halliday (Web Editor), Jaqueline Fitzsimmons (Office Manager), George Somers (Supporter Care Officer), Charlotte Smith (Networks & Campaigns Lead), Lee Millam (Helpline Manager & Grants Fundraiser). **Members:** Akrem El-Athram, Allan Tyrer, Brian Norman, Damian Slevin, Derek Maynard, John Bervin Galang, John Russell, Joseph Soden, Maria Larkin, Roy Tranckle, Velda Osborne.

## Attending via Zoom:

**Trustees:** Gillian Rudd, Natalie Mortimer. **Staff:** Kirsten Howells (Programme Lead). **Members:** John Derks, Shaukat Ali, Lucy Smith, Terry Turner, ND WANSTALL, Ron Eadington, Mark Anthony Bastiani, Nikolina Nenadic, Brian Skelton, Peter Miles, , Paul Blythe, Helen Allen, Paul Roberts, Clive Collins, Rene Becker, Amy McCloy, Deborah Johnston, John Evans, Joe Murphy, Cian Bell, Prasan Modasia, Claire Tupling, Beverly Hedd, Paul Pearsall. **Supporters:** Anita Blom, Tom Scharstein, Tom Phillips, Ladan Khoshbin.

## APOLOGIES

Lynne Mackie, Colin Marsh, John Ford, Jon Smith, Malcolm Gaudie, Egan Cardoso, Yi Ren.

## MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**Motion:** THAT, the Minutes of the 2020 AGM dated 10 October 2020 at 1pm held on Zoom stand as read. Proposed by Roy Trankle, seconded by Betony Kelly. For 36, against 0, abstained 12.

## FINANCE REPORT

Gary Barth took the meeting through the organisations 2020 accounts with a review of our 2021 finances and reserves policy. Jane Powell, CEO, followed up with slides showing the staffing at STAMMA and responsibilities and how the expenditure is allocated to our services.

**Motion:** THAT, the AGM accepts the Finance Report: Proposed by Betony Kelly, seconded by Velda Osborne. For: 32, against 1, abstained, 15.

## OFFICE REPORT

Jane Powell set out the strategic goals set in 2018 and talked through how organisation was progressing with each of these. She ended by talking through the ambition for 2022:-

- Next year there is the STAMMAFest (24-28<sup>th</sup> August) in Liverpool. Tickets for this should be available from January 2022. Ticket prices yet to be decided.
- The staff team will be joined by Catherine Woolley in January, so we can extend our support for families, parents of children who stammer and young people.
- The recruitment of Catherine will allow Kirsten to focus on the helpline and our support for those who stammer looking for work/progressing in work
- We want to build our corporate supporter list.
- We need to increase income from members vis a vis fundraising and donations.

**Motion:** THAT, the AGM accepts the CEO Report: Proposed by Naheem Bashir, seconded by Neil Morjaria and Christine Simpson. For 35, against 0, abstained 1.

## AUDITORS

Derek Maynard proposed to that Royce Peeling Green be retained as our auditors for 2022, seconded by Sibon Phiri.

**Motion:** THAT, Royce Peeling Green Limited is appointed as the Charity's auditor to hold office with immediate effect to the end of the next period for appointing auditors under section 485(2) of the Companies Act 2006, at a remuneration determined by Trustees. Proposed by Derek Maynard, seconded by Sibon Phiri. For 35, against 0, abstained 13.

## TRUSTEE ELECTION & BOARD COMPOSITION

Tim Fell thanked Sibon Phiri for her year on the Board replacing Abed Ahmad who had stepped down. He reported that the Board had invited Gillian Rudd and Naheem Bashir to serve a further three years.

Chantal Anderson and Rhian Binns had come top in the Trustee Elections.

**Motion:** THAT, Rhian Binns and Chantal Anderson are appointed as the elected trustees of the Charity. Proposed by Derek Maynard, seconded Christine Simpson. For 36, against 1, abstained 10.

Tim reported that the Board had elected Joanna Gaukroger for the next three years.

## Vision & Mission

The trustees proposed the following amended vision and mission:

### VISION

A world where stammering is embraced, included and represented, and where people feel at ease with stammering.

### MISSION

To lead a movement to change how the world views stammering, while supporting and empowering people who stammer. To:

- Campaign for the right to be heard
- Inspire, encourage, inform and support all people who stammer
- Dispel myths and misconceptions
- Challenge discrimination
- Inform and educate the public
- Promote and support self help
- Support a culture of openness about stammering
- Inform those seeking therapy about the options available to them
- Support parents, family, friends and colleagues of people who stammer
- Encourage, collate and comment on research
- Share knowledge and new ideas.

## AOB

The meeting closed with a speech from Tim where he reinforced his desire to see STAMMA remain a broad church for everyone who stammers, whether they want to control and manage their stammer or whether they are proud of how they talk, and to see recognition of the importance of access to speech and language therapy.

Joanna thanked Tim for his years of service to BSA/STAMMA and presented him with two engraved Waterford glasses from the Board. This gift was followed with a bottle of single malt whisky from the staff.

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