

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held online on Monday 20 November 2023, 1.30pm

Present: 75 + Attendees –joining through Teams.

Dave Marsland (Chair of Trustees) (DM)) introduced himself and welcomed everyone. DM explained we have the AGM and a Seminar following to look forward to. Documents to accompany this meeting were made available in the chat box; annual report, agenda and last year's minutes.

- 1. Apologies:** Elisabeth Alton and Natasha Easom.
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 November 2022.**
These minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 3. Matters Arising.**
There were no matters arising. DM said people could message him after the meeting if there were any issues.
- 4. Chairperson's Report.**

DM commented on an amazing year of activity within ACT which is now in its 31st year. DM welcomed Stuart Sale and recorded thanks to Deborah for what she achieved and developed both locally and nationally over her 25 years with ACT, having put safeguarding securely on people's agenda, and he thanked Deborah for her dedication and commitment. Thanks were also recorded to Sarah Goff who left us this year; Sarah put safeguarding disabled children and young people high on the national agenda.

In the last 6 months DM has been struck by the need to look after people in safeguarding roles. We need to think about their wellbeing and how can we support them. SAW 2023 key theme is wellbeing which is very positive and timely.

5. Election and Resignation of Trustees

Malcom Dillon and Suzanne Wilson are stepping down as Trustees. DM recorded thanks to both for their dedication and support of ACT.

Tania May nominated Elisabeth Alton and Dave Marsland seconded that. Elisabeth is a GP within the NHS and has a keen interest in Safeguarding and those involved – a national voice within the NHS.

Dave Marsland nominated Paul Johnson and David Charnock seconded that.

Paul Johnson introduced himself – he is a former Assistant Director in Adult Social Care with Nottinghamshire County Council – working mostly with adults. Paul has been a Strategic Lead in safeguarding governance for a number of years prior to leaving his role in the Council; Paul cited a personal interest in inclusion due to his sister who had severe learning disabilities and who died in 2020.

DM thanked Paul for joining us and bringing his expertise to ACT. DM commented that the trustees of ACT are keen to widen the diversity of the board; if anyone is interested in joining them please contact Stuart.

DM handed over to Stuart – Julie is present if there any finance questions and people can also email Stuart after the meeting if they have any queries.

6. CEO's report

Stuart said that he is really enjoying his role as CEO at ACT and he is proud to be a part of ACT and what it is achieving. He mentioned some highlights over the last year; continued growth, 18% increase in income, increase in sport organisations going through the Safeguarding Adults in Sport Framework, funding from Sport Wales for the next 4 years, 10,000+ subscribers to the ACT bulletin and sport update, big increase in training provision, massively increased social media reach, ACT reached more than 41 million people in the last year, more than 3.2 million via sport....Increase of 60% since last year, supporting many more organisations.

Going forward Stuart is proud to announce the unveiling of ACT's new strategic plan which sets out our mission and goals and clarifies our role in safeguarding all adults. Trustees and ACT staff worked closely together to produce the plan. Stuart recorded special thanks to Hazel and the marketing team for their help with this. Please read it and share any feedback with Stuart.

We are very excited for the week ahead, there are lots of exciting events taking place during SAW.

DM closed the AGM at 1.55pm and thanked Stuart and the team for their hard work.

ACT Seminar following the AGM:

Two guests talk about their roles and how they have prioritised safeguarding in their organisations; Richard Neale from Open Door and Sara Bird from The National Trust.

Sessions will be recorded.