



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held online on Monday 18/11/2024

Present: 85 + Attendees –joining through Teams

1. Welcome and Introductions

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.

Items to accompany this meeting were made available in the chat box; agenda and last year's minutes.

2. Apologies of non-attendance

Tania May had sent apologies.

3. [Annual General Meeting Minutes, Monday 20/11/23, 1.30pm](#)

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held online on Monday 20 November 2023, 1.30pm were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising. DM said people could message him after the meeting if there were any issues.

5. The Chairperson's Report/Election and Resignation of Trustees

DM commented on another amazing year of productivity and activity within ACT in terms of new and existing partnerships. He stated how energising it was that adult safeguarding has become inspiring. David spoke about wellbeing as a focus this year from the conference, processes and activities.

David spoke about a change of Trustees with Elisabeth Alton and Paul Johnson being welcomed and the departure of Malcom Dillon and Suzanne Wilson being confirmed in the past year. He also confirmed that David Charnock had stepped down and that further applications for Trustees were welcomed.

Lastly, David thanked all within the Ann Craft Trust, our partners, the University of Nottingham and all present before confirming the annual report will be made available on the website.

6. The Chief Executive Officer's Report and Finance Report

Stuart shared the sad news that Pam Cooke had passed away, and her impact was discussed. In 1997, Pam Cooke was appointed Director and in 1998 NAPSAC relaunched as the Ann Craft Trust in recognition of the enormous impact of Dr Ann Craft's work in the field and to reflect the broadening of the Trust's remit to include safeguarding from all types of abuse.

Stuart shared some highlights of the year of his first full year as CEO. These included thanking the staff. He shared that Roisin Tear and Dave Lochtie joining and also thanked Julie Mather and Charlotte Heywood for their contributions having left the organisation.

Stuart stated it had been a particularly busy year, following the launch of our strategy last year which included a stronger focus on safeguarding adults specifically. He stated we have received more request for support, training and consultancy, listing some of the sectors supported in the past year arts and theatre, military, agriculture, housing, women's charities stating er had supported many, many, more different sectors. In sport we have continued to support our national governing bodies (NGBs) complete Safeguarding Adults Frameworks, including our first submission from our first submission from a Welsh NGB. We delivered training to athletes to elite athletes and staff ahead of Paris 2024.

Our e-learning has had a record year and continues to grow, including Financial Awareness which is free. We have been key partners in developing safeguarding tools with UNICEF and research into modern slavery. We have invested into a new training management system, and Sarah Nolan and Nat Rock were thanked for their hard work on this.

Regarding finance Stuart reported that our accounts show a surplus of £39,816 for the year, closing unrestricted reserves stood at £383,359 which is well within our reserves policy. Total income was £877,911 which was an increase on last year.

Attendees were invited to get involved in Safeguarding Adults Week.

7. Any Other Business

None were noted.