



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of
Arthritis Action (the "Charity")
held at the King's Fund Building, 11-13 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0AN
on Thursday 19 June 2023**

Present

Council Members:

Robin Nye (Chair)
Sarah Jones
Prof Sarah Vickerstaff
Matthew Myles-Brown

Plus 25 General Members

In Attendance

Staff:

Shantel Irwin (Chief Executive)
Noha Al Afifi
Heather Baumohl-Johnson
Leah Boylan
Eoin Buckley
Sarah Gudgin
Wendy Holden
Martin Lau
Alison Lloyd
Debbie Putland
Iza Seabrook
Terry Urbanczyk
Graham Weir
Marc Williams

The Meeting opened at 11.30 am and, as there were 25 Members present, it was deemed to be quorate in accordance with Article 7.8 of the Charity's Articles of Association.

1. Chair's Introductory Remarks

Robin Nye introduced himself as Chairman and welcomed everybody to the Meeting. He then provided a brief overview of the Charity's activities since the previous Annual General Meeting

2. Apologies

Robin Nye reported that he had received apologies from 7 Council Members and advised that a list of all Members who had given their apologies was available for inspection at the reception desk.

3. Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Robin Nye asked that the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting on Thursday 9 June 2022, which had previously been circulated to Members, be approved as an accurate record of the Meeting.

Proposer: Jack Martin

Seconder: Leslie Seymour

The proposal was carried unanimously, and the Minutes of the Meeting were signed by Robin Nye.

4. Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2022

Robin Nye asked that The Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2022 and the accompanying Independent Auditor's Report be adopted.

Proposer: Mary Sinfield

Seconder: Kevin Young

The proposal was carried unanimously.

5. Appointment of the Auditors and authorisation of Council Members to agree their fees

Robin Nye asked the Members present to agree the appointment of LMDB Accountants as Auditors until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and authorise the Council Members to agree their fees for the year ending 31 October 2023.

Proposer: Deborah Breakspear

Seconder: Mary Sinfield

The proposal was carried unanimously.

6. Election of Council Members appointed by Trustees since the last AGM

Robin Nye advised that during the year the Council Members appointed Matthew Myles-Brown to the Council of Management. Therefore, in accordance with Article 8.5 of the Charity's Articles of Association, Matthew Myles-Brown now offers himself for re-election by the Members for a three-year term of office. It was also explained that in accordance with Article 8.4 of the Charity's Articles of Association persons standing for election to the Council of management must be proposed and seconded by existing Council Members.

Proposer: Sarah Vickerstaff

Seconder: Sarah Jones

The proposal was carried unanimously.

7. Re-Election of Council Members

Robin Nye advised that in accordance with Article 8.7 of the Charity's Articles of Association, Greg Allen retires after serving their latest three-year terms and offer himself for re-election for a further three years.

Proposer: Sarah Vickerstaff

Seconder: Sarah Jones

The proposal was carried unanimously.

Robin Nye explained that Sarah Jones retires after completing her latest three-year term and, due to work commitments had decided not to stand for re-election. Robin Nye advised that over the last 9 years, Sarah had made a significant



contribution to Arthritis Action's governance and strategy. He thanked her for her assistance and wished her well for the future.

8. Any Other Relevant Business

None.

9. Date of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Robin Nye advised that arrangements for the next Annual General Meeting have still to be finalised, but the intention is to hold this at our offices in London.

Robin Nye also indicated that in recognition of the steady decline in the number of members attending the annual conference, which has now fallen to less than 30, and the significant cost of holding this event, the trustees had decided to investigate alternative methods of interacting with members which are effective and provide value for money. In response, several members expressed disappointment that the annual conference might not continue in its current form and, if this is the case, asked that the trustees consider other ways of hosting a face-to-face members' meeting. It was agreed that this option would be investigated.

10. Close

There being no further business, Robin Nye declared the Meeting closed at 11.55am.